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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Laying the groundwork

Marines' return to Helmand might be the blueprint for Trump's Afghanistan strategy

By SHASHANK BENGALI  
Los Angeles Times

**LASHKAR GAH, Afghanistan** — When U.S. Marines entered the Afghan military's operations control center at an airfield here in April, they found a scene of confusion.

Afghan officers were coordinating operations against Taliban insurgents using paper maps taped to the walls. They were uncertain of the locations of key mosques, hospitals, bridges — even their own ground troops.

The war was going badly in Helmand, one of Afghanistan's most volatile provinces and the deadliest for international

forces in 16 years of hostilities. Since the Marines left in 2014 as part of a U.S. military drawdown, Afghan forces were losing scores of troops every month and had watched the Taliban march up to the outskirts of the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah, lobbing rockets inside the airfield.

Seven months after a Marine-led task force returned, Helmand has become one of the few bright spots in the Afghan War, offering a blueprint for President Donald Trump's troop surge, which will raise the number of American servicemembers training and advising Afghan soldiers and police from 11,000 to about 15,000.

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■ Opium production rises as Taliban gain ground

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**A soldier with the Afghan army leaves the landing site as an Afghan Mi-17 takes off during training near Camp Shorab in Helmand province.**

MARCUS YAM, LOS ANGELES TIMES/TNS



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**A 22nd Aviation Regiment AH-64 Apache lands in Powidz, Poland, on Nov. 10 in support of Atlantic Resolve.**

## More Europe-based troops considered in House budget

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

Lawmakers want the military to draw up a strategy for stationing more troops in Europe and to reconsider future base closures, given concerns about a more assertive Russia.

The version of the National Defense Authorization Act approved by the House on Tuesday also calls for \$4.6 billion dedi-

cated to deterring Russia in Europe to be shifted from contingency accounts to the Defense Department's base budget.

Military officials have long advocated such a shift, arguing that money drawn from the main budget pot is a more reliable funding stream.

To go forward, the \$700 billion bill must pass the Senate and would require elimination of the 2011 Budget Control Act, which caps military spending.

The U.S. "should develop and implement a policy and strategy ... to deter and, if necessary, defeat Russian aggression, which will require enhancing United States military capability and capacity in Europe, including strong consideration of investments in increased permanently-stationed and continued rotational forces," House budget documents said.

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# MILITARY

## House: Bill urges more precision-guided munitions to US stockpiles in Europe

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The budget passed by Congress includes a provision that directs the Defense Department to craft a wish list to "fully resource" the military mission in Europe. Should the budget become law, the Pentagon would be required to submit an updated military plan for Europe within 120 days.

U.S. European Command has increased its presence in Europe during the past several years, largely because of the Europe Reassurance Initiative, now dubbed the European Deterrence Initiative. The Pentagon is now being asked how to fund that campaign, which several billion dollars have been spent on since 2015, through its base budget over the next five years.

Since Russia's 2014 intervention in Ukraine, years of steady drawdown in Europe have come to a halt. Large U.S. troop rotations along NATO's eastern flank are a linchpin to the reinvigorated campaign. The stockpiling of a wide range of weaponry throughout Europe has involved the return of Army tanks and other armored fighting vehicles, along with artillery.

The House bill says the next step is to add more precision-guided munitions to its stockpiles. The budget calls for more missile defense capabilities in Europe, with about \$50 million for the development of "active defenses to counter (Russian) ground-launched missile systems with ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometers."

The House cited Russia's alleged violation of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty as a reason for adding defenses. The budget sets aside more intelligence and surveillance assets for Europe, which have been in high demand since 2015.

The House budget also would call on the military to report annually on Russian "hybrid" threats such as disinformation campaigns and cyber



JUDITH MARLOWE/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**U.S. soldiers conduct a combined arms live-fire exercise in Poland last month. Large U.S. troop rotations along NATO's eastern flank are a linchpin to a reinvigorated campaign to counteract a more aggressive Russia.**

activities.

Even as EUCOM reinforces its mission in the east, it is moving forward with a series of base closures, largely in the United Kingdom.

In 2015, the Pentagon began a program that merged or closed scores of sites. In the U.K., some closures have run into delays, with RAFs Mildenhall, Alconbury and Molesworth not set to shutter until 2024.

Congress says the plans should be re-examined.

"The committee notes that in a changing strategic environment, a re-evaluation of the sites the Department is planning to divest is necessary for long-term strategic planning," the House budget says.

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## Ending '11 budget caps is needed to pay for \$700B bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—House Republicans and Democrats joined forces Tuesday to decisively approve a defense policy bill that authorizes \$700 billion to restock what lawmakers have described as a depleted U.S. military and counter North Korea's advancing nuclear weapons program.

Lawmakers voted 356-70 to pass the legislation, with 127 Democrats backing it. Once the defense bill clears the Senate, which is expected this week, the bill will be sent to President Donald Trump for his signature.

The policy bill grants U.S. troops a 2.4 percent pay raise, which is slightly higher than the wage increase the Pentagon had proposed. Lawmakers also approved an increase of more than 20,000 active-duty and reserve troops from last year's level. The Army gets the largest boost: 7,500 more active-duty soldiers and 1,000 additional reserve troops.

The defense bill for the 2018 fiscal year allots some \$634 billion for core Pentagon operations and nearly \$66 billion for wartime missions in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and elsewhere.

The funding boost pays for more troops, jet fighters, ships and other weapons needed to halt an erosion of combat readiness, according to the bill's backers.

Trump's 2018 request sought \$603 billion for basic functions and \$65 billion for overseas missions. But securing the higher amounts remains contingent upon Congress agreeing to roll back a 2011 law that set strict limits on most federal spending. Lifting the budget caps will face resistance from Democrats who also are seeking to increase the budgets for domestic agencies.

The defense legislation includes \$12.3 billion for the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency and orders a more rapid buildup of the nation's missile defenses as Pyongyang has refused to back away from developing nuclear missiles capable of striking the U.S. The bill includes money for as many as 28 additional Ground-Based Interceptors, anti-missile missiles that would be launched from underground silos in Alaska in the event the U.S. decided to try to shoot down a North Korean missile heading toward the U.S. outside the Earth's atmosphere.

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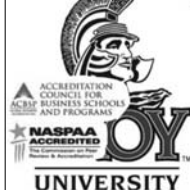
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# PACIFIC

## Okinawa slaying, rape trial to open

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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**CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa** — The former U.S. base worker accused of raping and killing a 20-year-old Okinawan woman last year is expected to plead guilty as his trial commences this week at Naha District Court on Okinawa.

Kenneth Franklin Gadson is charged with murder, rape resulting in death and the illegal disposal of a body in the death of Uruma office worker Rina Shimabukuro, who disappeared April 28, 2016.

The brutal slaying shocked the Japanese and triggered massive anti-American protests on an island where half of about 50,000 U.S. troops in Japan are based. Then-President Barack Obama was forced to apologize for the crime during his historic visit to Hiroshima a month later, following a strong rebuke from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

A hearing is marked for Thursday, court officials said, with the trial to follow the next day. Closing arguments are scheduled for Nov. 24, and a verdict is expected on Dec. 1.

While Gadson has confessed to being responsible for Shimabukuro's death and even led police to her body in a heavily wooded area, the trial will likely center on motive. Gadson has said he set out only to rape the woman and that her killing was not premeditated.

Gadson's attorneys said they feel confident it is an argument they can win.

"The only positive evidence is his testimony that he did not have murderous intent," Gadson's attorney, Toshimitsu Takeasu, told Stars and Stripes in August. "However, it is the responsibility of the public prosecutors to prove murderous intent. I don't think there is evidence



Screenshot from Fuji TV

**Rina Shimabukuro, 20, was found dead in April 2016. Kenneth Franklin Gadson, a civilian working at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, has been charged with murder and rape resulting in death in the case.**

of that right now."

Despite Takeasu's confidence, the case could be complicated by Gadson's unwillingness to participate in his own defense. Takeasu said his client has grown despondent and does not particularly care about the outcome of the trial or whether he lives or dies.

Gadson's psychological state could also come into play. He has claimed in letters to Stars and Stripes that voices in his head told him to assault Shimabukuro. He also claimed to have had hallucinations.

Takeasu said while he has not seen evidence of severe mental illness, Gadson "cannot differentiate between fantasy and reality."

"Normally, a simple psychiatric test needs to be done by the public prosecutors at the time of the investigation, but they have not [performed one], Takeasu said. He added that there is no legal obligation for a mental examination.

A spokesman from the Naha District Public Prosecutor's Office declined to comment before Thursday's hearing on whether there are plans to test Gadson.

Takeasu would not say whether Gadson could receive a fair trial without a mental evaluation; however, psychiatrists and legal advocates for the mentally ill say it is important to identify and treat people who suffer from mental illness in the criminal justice system.

Shimabukuro disappeared after going out for a walk at 8 p.m. April 28, 2016. Police suspected she had been the victim of a crime or had suffered an accident, because she left behind her car and wallet. Her phone's GPS indicated she was last in an industrial area near her home in Uruma's Suzuki district.

Police spotted a red SUV owned by Gadson — a civilian employee at a Kadena Air Base cable and internet provider who went by his Japanese wife's surname of Shinzato — while checking vehicles captured

by security footage in the area.

Police say Gadson admitted to strangling Shimabukuro and led officers to her body. Takeasu has argued that his client was under the influence of sleeping pills at the time of the confession due to a suicide attempt.

Gadson, who served in the Marines from July 2007 to September 2014, left active duty as a sergeant with an honorable discharge and a good conduct medal. He had been a postal clerk in the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines mailroom and a combat marksmanship coach, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He was married to an Okinawan woman and had recently fathered a child before his arrest.

In a series of written statements and in medical records provided to Stars and Stripes while in custody, Gadson claimed to have had a turbulent upbringing in New York City, an obsession with violent images and a history of disturbing thoughts and behavior, which included fantasizing about raping women for years, killing a foster mother he claimed abused him and shooting fellow Marines as a way of attempting suicide. He also provided graphic details of Shimabukuro's homicide.

In the medical records he provided, Gadson revealed anti-social behavior and that he was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and socialized, nonaggressive conduct disorder. He also claimed to have altered medical documents and withheld medical information to become a Marine.

If convicted, Gadson faces life in prison in Japan. It is unlikely he would receive the death penalty — though Shimabukuro's family has called for it — because that punishment is usually reserved for cases involving multiple homicides.

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## DODEA hears and heeds: Yongsan school to keep 'American' in its name

BY MARCUS FICHTL  
Stars and Stripes

**OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea** — After a public outcry, the word "American" was restored to the name of the soon-to-be-consolidated middle/high school at the Army's Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, officials said Wednesday.

"Please know that we acknowledge and appreciate the proud legacy of our Seoul American Schools," Lois Rapp, a Department of Defense Education Activity official, said in an email. "The combined school will be named Seoul American Middle/High School."

Falling enrollment due to the ongoing move of U.S. troops and their families to Camp Humphreys as the military transitions its headquarters 40 miles south of Seoul prompted DODEA to combine the Seoul American Middle School and the Seoul American High School.

In a memo to parents and at a recent town hall, school officials said the combined school would be called the Seoul Middle High School.

Parents, alumni and former teachers expressed concern in a flood of letters and emails to DODEA officials.

John Nowell, a military veteran

who has lived in South Korea for 50 years and seen his four children graduate from the Yongsan school system, feared the lack of the word "American" would take away its unique identity.

"It would be distressing to see the revised name of the middle and high school unified without American in its title," Nowell wrote in an email. "There are over 31 International English language schools now operating in Korea."

Frank Wrightman, who graduated from the high school in 1971, said the name was a badge of honor.

"Never did I say I graduated from a high school in Seoul, but always said 'Seoul American High School,' he said. "I was and am very proud of that fact and that name."

The United States has some 28,500 servicemembers stationed in South Korea along with thousands more dependents and civilian support staff.

The consolidated school, which will be housed in the complex that is currently home to Seoul American High School, will open its doors with the new name next August.

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Gadson



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**Parents, alumni and former teachers pushed for Department of Defense Education Activity officials to keep 'American' in the name of the new combined high school/middle school at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul, South Korea.**

## Defector in stable condition after surgery in South Korean hospital

From staff reports

**SEOUL, South Korea** — A North Korean soldier who defected to the South under a hail of gunfire has stabilized but remained unconscious after undergoing a second operation on Wednesday, according to a media report.

The soldier was airlifted to a hospital south of Seoul on Mon-

day after he was found bleeding following his dash across the border.

North Korean soldiers fired at least 40 rounds to try to stop his escape, hitting him at least five times, South Korean officials said.

Reuters news agency quoted the surgeon in charge of his treatment at Ajou University Hospital

as saying that the soldier had stabilized but was still unconscious.

Wednesday's surgery had succeeded in stanching the bleeding, but a severe hip fracture and possible infection remained serious concerns, Lee Cook-jong said, according to the report.

The soldier, whose rank and identity have not been released, tried to escape in a military jeep

at the Joint Security Area, where the two sides face each other in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula.

He jumped out of the vehicle after it got stuck in a ditch and sprinted across the border on foot.

It was the first shooting at the JSA since 1984. U.S. and South Korean forces guarding their side did not return fire.

More than 30,000 North Koreans have defected to South Korea since the end of the 1950-53 war between the two countries, but it's rare for soldiers to flee across the DMZ, much less the JSA.

North Korea has not commented on the shooting, but it usually responds angrily to defections and often accuses South Korea of kidnapping its citizens.

## MILITARY

# McCain warns of new hold on Pentagon nominees

By CLAUDIA GRISALES  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A slate of Pentagon nominees faced off with a Senate panel Tuesday about the changes facing military recruiting today, as one key senator warned that confirmation hearings could be stalled again if the Pentagon doesn't cooperate with new demands for information.

Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee raised questions during a hearing regarding an apparent change in Army recruiting efforts to issue waivers for people with a history of serious mental health illness.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said his committee shouldn't have learned about the change through a USA Today report Sunday, and if more information isn't forthcoming, the Pentagon nomination process could get stalled again.

"I don't envision a confrontation," McCain said of another delay over nominees. "But there may be."

The comments, along with McCain's plans to investigate the recruiting matter, came after a hearing for three Pentagon nominees vying for top military leadership positions, including Army general counsel.

During Tuesday's hearing, McCain said that the committee's recourse is to stop approving nominations if the Pentagon continues to keep defense hawks on Capitol Hill out of the loop on major military concerns.



**'I don't envision a confrontation. But there may be.'**

Sen. John McCain  
R-Ariz.

The standoff between the committee and the Pentagon over nominees is familiar territory under President Donald Trump's administration.

In July, the committee halted the pace of Trump's Pentagon nominees testifying, triggering a more-than-three-month drought. The committee didn't hear from another slate of military candidates until this month.

In October, McCain said he was holding Pentagon nominations hostage at least in part because of a disconnect between Congress and top military officials. McCain railed that the officials, including longtime friend and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, were not forthcoming on several major concerns, including two deadly Navy ship collisions this summer, a change in war strategy in Afghanistan under loosened rules of engagement and the ambush last month in Niger that killed four American soldiers.

By late October, the committee saw

a turn of events with several public and closed hearings on the Navy ship collisions and strategy and Niger. A threat of a McCain subpoena on the Niger ambush triggered a personal Capitol Hill visit from Mattis.

With the floodgates reopened, the Armed Services Committee is poised to hear from 17 nominees this month — close to the same number who testified before the panel in the first seven months of Trump's presidency. The committee has confirmed more than 10 nominees this month.

"We're talking about getting information, just like we did a couple of weeks ago when we had to find out about Niger," McCain said.

On Tuesday, the committee also approved Robert H. McMahon as assistant secretary of defense for logistics and material readiness; R.D. James as assistant secretary of the Army for civil works; Bruce Jette as assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology; and Shon J. Manasco as assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

The committee also considered a new panel of nominees: James E. McPherson as Army general counsel, Anthony M. Kurta as principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Gregory E. Maggs as judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

McPherson said the change in Army recruiting raised questions for him as well, and it would be one of his top priorities

should he be confirmed.

"That's a troubling report," he said. "I believe history has shown that when you bring in individuals through a waiver process, there's a risk involved in that, a risk that they might not turn out to be exemplary soldiers. If confirmed, I intend to make that one of my earliest questions."

In additional testimony, McPherson said as Army general counsel he would tackle a long list of challenges.

"The Army today faces some very difficult legal issues ranging from personnel programs such as gender integration into the combat arms, the service of transgender soldiers, and the accession of non-U.S. citizens to the need to improve the efficiency and flexibility of the acquisition process and to the scourge of sexual harassment, sexual assault and retribution against those that report such offenses," he said. But with help of the Army, McPherson said they "will attack these issues with renewed energy and resolve to finding solutions."

Kurta testified that he doesn't see a recruiting future without members of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

"There are skills that population has that the Department of Defense needs," he said. "I see a future where the department is able to recruit from that non-U.S. citizen population."

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# MILITARY

## Pacific's largest commissary set for opening in February

By MARCUS FICHTL  
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The largest commissary in the Pacific will have its grand opening on Feb. 7 at Camp Humphreys, the Defense Commissary Agency said Wednesday.

The South Korean-funded, 90,000-square-foot facility is more than four times larger than the current store on the Army garrison, which is about 40 miles south of Seoul.

The store is built around a large produce section and has wide aisles, DeCA spokesman Keith Desbois told Stars and Stripes.

In addition to grocery store staples like meat and dairy sections being offered, he said checking out will be easier. The new store will have 15 registers, three times as many as the current store, and that number will eventually grow to 23. A full-service deli will open by early spring, Desbois said.

The old commissary will close with the opening of the new store, said area manager Wayne Walk.

That will come as good news to many in the Humphreys community who voiced frustration during a recent town-hall meeting about the lack of selection and overcrowding. Many said they are forced to travel to commissaries at other bases to meet their family's needs.

The frustration has come from the sudden growth at the new home of the 8th Army, which has expanded from a small helicopter base of 7,000 to 26,000.

The population will rise to more than 40,000 when the U.S. fulfills its 2004 agreement with South Korea to move south the bulk of troops stationed north of the Han River.

Delays and quality control issues have plagued the \$10.7 billion Humphreys construction project, but openings have ramped up in recent months.

The food court and outlet shops



Marcus Fichtl/Stars and Stripes

**The new commissary at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, is scheduled to open in February.**

have been open since last month. The Post Exchange, which sits next to the new commissary, will open its doors Monday.

The two stores will eventually anchor Humphreys' new \$204.5 million downtown complex, which looks more like little America than South Korea with

its wide walkways, plaza and movie theater.

"This store will be a combination of the best design in the grocery industry and our passion for providing excellent customer service and quality products," Walk said.

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## Army museum reaches construction milestone

Associated Press

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The planned National Museum of the United States Army is reaching a construction milestone.

The Army Historical Foundation says a "topping out" ceremony is scheduled for Friday morning when workers will place the museum building's final steel beam

into place.

Groundbreaking on the long-planned museum began last year. It is expected to open in late 2019 on the grounds at Fort Belvoir in northern Virginia.

The 185,000-square-foot facility is being built on 84 acres on the base, south of the nation's capital.

## New Mexico air base to get solar farm

Associated Press

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — The U.S. Air Force is teaming up with El Paso Electric to build a new solar farm that will serve Holloman Air Force Base in southern New Mexico.

Officials announced the start of construction Wednesday, saying the 5-megawatt plant will be the utility's first renewable energy project built to serve a military installation.

The new facility will be made up of almost 56,000 thin-film modules and will generate enough electricity to power more than 1,700 homes annually.

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## Chasing a dream

The Dream Chaser spacecraft lands after a test flight at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The flight of the unmanned, reusable craft moved the program closer to achieving unmanned cargo flights to the International Space Station and back to Earth under a NASA contract, possibly as soon as 2020.

## Study finds negative effects of military's abortion policy

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. military's restrictive abortion policy has had negative effects on servicewomen's health, careers, finances and emotional wellbeing, according to a study released this week.

The study — published Wednesday in the journal *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* — conducted in-depth interviews in 2015 and 2016 with 21 women who had abortions while on active duty within the previous two years. The women, both officers and enlisted personnel, ranged from ages 19 to 34 and were in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Federal law allows military medical facilities to provide abortions only in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is in danger. Tricare, the military's health program for servicemembers and their families, covers abortions only for those same circumstances.

"Many of the women we spoke with had expected that the military would provide abortion care or at least counseling and had been surprised — and in some cases angered — when they were turned away," said Kate Grindlay, co-author of the study and a researcher at This Reproductive Health in Cambridge, Mass.

The lack of awareness of the policy in some cases led to delays in care.

"For example, they went to a military treatment facility first, were turned away and then had to wait to book an appointment somewhere else — when they could have just done it from the beginning had they known the policy," she said.

Experiences of active-duty women with abortion have been little studied, Grindlay said.

"More than once, in seven servicemembers is female so it's really critical that military per-

sonnel are receiving this information about reproductive health policies and services," she said.

It's all the more important because U.S. servicewomen have a higher rate of unintended pregnancy than their civilian counterparts.

A previous study based on statistics from 2011 found the unintended pregnancy rate for active-duty women was 72 per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44, compared with a civilian rate of 45 per 1,000 for ages 15 to 44.

"We know that in the general U.S. population 42 percent of unintended pregnancies end in abortion, but what we didn't know was what women's experiences are when they have an unintended pregnancy in the military," Grindlay said.

While a study of this type, based on interviews with a small group of women, can't be generalized across the military, "it does speak to some common experiences that women do face," Grindlay said.

Many of the women interviewed "felt a lack of support from the military when they were seeking an abortion, often expressing that they felt abandoned or were left to navigate on their own during what is perhaps one of the most challenging times in their lives," Grindlay said.

Most of the women talked about the difficulty of balancing the desire for privacy with a military institution that exerts far more control over individuals than does a civilian workplace.

Some women had to disclose their abortions to superiors because they needed time off or had to explain obvious side effects of the procedure.

In other cases, commanding officers learned of the abortions even though the women did not choose to disclose them.

After taking a pregnancy test at a military facility, one Air Force officer said her condition was reported to her chain of com-

mand via "a pregnancy code" on the paperwork.

"Her commander approached her with congratulations after finding out she was pregnant," the study said.

Other women postponed abortions until they were able to travel outside the military sphere during leave.

"One woman, stationed in Guam, found out she was pregnant when she missed her period, and postponed her abortion until the end of the following month, when she was scheduled to return to the continental United States for planned leave," the study said.

The women interviewed consistently brought up concerns about stigma and negative impacts to their careers if their pregnancies or abortions were made known.

An enlisted Air Force woman said, "I have seen people not necessarily get kicked out, but I have seen their careers affected by [abortion]."

One woman interviewed said a commander "told her she might have to change work assignments because he believed that her abortion might 'permanently damage' her body and that she might be emotionally unstable afterward."

Few women who went to a military medical facility received counseling on options for abortion or referrals to clinics that could perform them, the study said.

Grindlay suggested such information could be disseminated at the same time medical personnel provide comprehensive contraceptive counseling, a requirement set by the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act.

The study also recommended that the military better educate servicemembers on its policy of limited abortions and improve confidentiality in military health services.

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## Pentagon to pay for transgender soldier's surgery

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon for the first time will pay for a U.S. servicemember's gender reassignment surgery Tuesday after the operation was deemed "medically necessary," a spokeswoman said.

The servicemember underwent the surgery at a private hospital because military health facilities are not prepared to conduct such procedures, Pentagon spokeswoman Dana White said late Tuesday. It comes as debate continues about whether transgender men and women should be allowed to serve openly in the military and whether the Pentagon should foot the bill for their health care.

President Donald Trump announced in July that transgender men and women would no longer be allowed to serve in the military. He cited, among other concerns, the cost of their health care as a reason for imposing his ban.

Trump gave military officials until March to implement his new policy. Until then, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has ordered that transgender servicemembers continue serving as they had under then-President Barack Obama's policy allowing them to serve openly since June 2016.

"Because this servicemember had already begun a sex-reassignment course of treatment, and the treating doctor deemed this surgery medically necessary, a waiver was approved by the director of the Defense Health Agency," White said in a statement. "The Supplemental Health Care Program will cover this surgery in accordance with the Department's interim guidance on transgender servicemembers."

The active-duty soldier underwent the operation in a Pennsylvania hospital, Acting Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said Wednesday. The soldier's identity was not released, citing privacy laws. McCarthy said the soldier in August 2016 declared to the Army he was transgender and began the medical process, which an Army doctor determined would include sex-reassignment surgery to treat gender dysphoria.

NBC News, first to report the procedure, described the patient as an infantry soldier who earned a Combat Infantry Badge in Afghanistan in 2014 and identifies as a woman. The organization cited unnamed sources close to the soldier.

On July 27, Trump announced on Twitter a ban on transgender men and women serving in the military "in any capacity." The president wrote he had consulted with generals and military ex-

perts before reaching his conclusion. His announcement — made official by a White House memorandum about a month later — cited "tremendous medical costs and disruption" to military units, but it caught top Pentagon officials by surprise.

That order reversed a year-old Obama administration policy allowing transgender individuals to serve openly and approving payments for surgeries and treatments deemed medically necessary.

The White House order seeks to halt transgender individuals from enlisting in the military and

**A federal judge temporarily blocked Trump's ban (on transgender service), ruling the order was not based on facts and was meant only to discriminate against transgender people.**

to discharge those on active duty by March.

Mattis and Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told lawmakers they would support retaining transgender service-members who are qualified to serve in the military.

"I believe any individual who meets the physical and mental stand-

dards and is worldwide deployable and who is currently serving should be afforded the opportunity to continue to serve," Dunford told the Senate Armed Services Committee in September.

Mattis has convened a panel of experts to study the impact of transgender people in the military. That panel is due to make its recommendations by early next year, Mattis told reporters Monday.

A federal judge last month temporarily blocked Trump's ban, ruling the White House order was not based on facts and was meant only to discriminate against transgender people.

It remains unclear how many transgender people are openly serving in the military. Pentagon officials have declined to provide a specific number, saying there are "hundreds" who have identified themselves as transgender. A Rand Corp. study commissioned last year by the Pentagon estimated there were 1,320 to 6,630 transgender people among about 1.3 million active-duty troops.

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## VETERANS

## Veterans lobby Sessions to ease marijuana rules

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WASHINGTON — Just down the hall from where Attorney General Jeff Sessions told the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday he would maintain current marijuana policies, a retired Navy SEAL, an NFL lineman and two Republican lawmakers urged him and President Donald Trump to ease up.

"Sessions, testifying right now, continues to prioritize his own personal agenda over patients ... by effectively impeding any productive clinical research," said Nick Etten, a retired Navy lieutenant.

Etten founded the Veterans Cannabis Project and has joined a growing number of veterans in Washington advocating for marijuana research. On Tuesday, he and former NFL lineman Kyle Turley, as well as other marijuana advocates, renewed a push for legislation to remove marijuana from the list of Schedule I drugs in order to expand research.

Under that classification also include heroin, LSD and ecstasy, and are designated as having no medical use.

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., introduced a bill to reclassify marijuana as Schedule III, meaning it's an accepted medical treatment, and Rep. Tom Garrett, R-Va., has a bill to remove marijuana from the

**'We're not asking permission to use cannabis. We're demanding you look at the science.'**

Kyle Turley  
former NFL lineman

federal controlled substances list. Both bills are stalled in the House.

"I would ask you to reach out to your subcommittee chairs, committee chairs, leadership of both parties, and say we just want an up or down vote, because that's where this is stopped up," Garrett said. "This is not a partisan issue. It's a freedom issue, an individual liberty issue, a quality of life issue, a life or death issue."

Etten wants marijuana to be federally legalized. He cited it as a potential alternative to addictive opioids for veterans struggling with chronic pain and other injuries and illnesses.

During Sessions' testimony Tuesday, Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, brought up marijuana's use as an alternative treatment option.

"Put your enforcement on crack, on cocaine, on meth, on opioids, and on heroin. Marijuana is the least bothersome of all," Cohen said. "It

allows people a way to relieve pain without using opioids. I would hope you'd look at that."

Sessions responded that he and the Justice Department would be "looking at some rigorous analysis of marijuana usage."

"I'm not as optimistic as you," he told Cohen.

Sessions has been a long-standing opponent of marijuana legalization and last summer sought authority to prosecute medical marijuana distributors. When Cohen asked him Tuesday if he agreed that marijuana is not as dangerous as heroin, Sessions said, "I think that is correct." But, he said, it "still remains illegal."

Etten plans to bring a team of lobbyists to Capitol Hill each month next year to talk to individual lawmakers and change their perceptions of marijuana. He's one of many veterans who've come to Washington asking Congress to ease restrictions.

The American Legion has

strongly advocated for more research into medical marijuana since May, and its membership adopted a resolution in August urging the Department of Veterans Affairs to allow doctors to discuss and recommend marijuana in states where it's legal.

The Legion released a commissioned study earlier this month that found most veteran households, regardless of state, age or political affiliation, supported researching and legalizing medical marijuana.

Referencing those findings, Etten said, "To be pro-cannabis is to be pro-veteran."

"For many of our veterans, coming home does not mean the war has ended. They continue to

battle both physical and psychological wounds," Etten said. "I started Veterans Cannabis Project to improve veterans' quality of life, but I hope our work benefits all patients that rely on cannabis."

Turley, who played eight seasons in the NFL, said Tuesday that "marijuana saved my life." Turley was diagnosed with a degenerative brain disease found mostly in athletes and veterans and used marijuana to gradually stop taking opioids, he said.

"We're not asking permission to use cannabis," Turley said. "We're demanding you look at the science."

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## \$360K from benefit concert given out to veterans groups

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WASHINGTON — Grammy award-winner and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Joe Walsh distributed \$360,000 among 16 veterans' organizations after VetsAid, a benefit concert he put together in September.

Walsh, 69, launched the initiative to help veterans and families of servicemembers who have died. He and Keith Urban, the Zac Brown Band and Gary Clark Jr. performed Sept. 20 at Eagle Bank Arena in Fairfax, Va.

Eight organizations received \$40,000 grants from VetsAid, according to a statement from Walsh's publicist. Another eight groups were each awarded \$5,000.

"It's the least I could do for those who have served and continue to serve our country," Walsh said in a written statement. "We're all in this together as Americans, and it seems to me lately that people are forgetting that."

Walsh's father, Lt. Robert Newton Fidler, died on Okinawa, Japan, in 1949 when Walsh was just 20 months old. During the concert, he said he hoped the night would be healing — for veterans, for families of fallen servicemembers and for himself.

Walsh wants to expand VetsAid into an annual event modeled



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From left, Joe Walsh, Gary Clark Jr. and Zac Brown pose for photos before the start of VetsAid, a benefit concert that was held at Eagle Bank Arena in Fairfax, Va., in September.

after Willie Nelson's FarmAid, which benefits family farms.

Musicians are already committed to a concert next year, Walsh said.

Walsh focused some of the proceeds from the concert toward small, community-based groups.

"The smaller organizations between the coasts, those are the people I care about," he said during a news conference before the concert in September. "They're the people in the trenches that don't have any budget and just to keep them going is huge."

The organizations that received \$40,000 grants are: Children of Fallen Patriots, Hire Heroes, Operation MEND, Semper Fi Fund, Stop Soldier Suicide, Swords to Plowshares, TAPS and Warrior Canine Connection.

Those awarded \$5,000 are: American Military Music, Arkansas Run for the Fallen, Child & Family Services Yuma, Code Platoon, Equinox Ranch, Semper K9, Suiting Warriors and Work Vessels For Vets.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM



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**U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Scott Weekly patrols next to a poppy field in Shorab, Afghanistan, in 2014.**

# Afghan opium production has soared

By CHAD GARLAND  
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Opium production has nearly doubled in Afghanistan in 2017, reaching a record level, according to a joint survey by the Afghan government and the United Nations.

In the report released Wednesday, the Ministry of Counter Narcotics and the U.N. Office of Drugs and Crime said opium production jumped to 9,000 metric tons so far in 2017, up 87 percent from 4,800 metric tons last year.

Insecurity and political instability are key drivers of illicit poppy cultivation, the report said.

Several bombings carried out by the insurgents or an offshoot of Islamic State operating in Afghanistan, including high-profile attacks in the capital, Kabul, have highlighted a worsening security situation this year.

The increased opiate cultivation, production and trafficking will likely fuel greater instability and fill anti-government groups' war chests, the authors said. Internationally, more high-quality, low-cost heroin will reach consumers.

The rise in production comes as the U.S. and NATO are preparing to send thousands

of more troops to Afghanistan under President Donald Trump's strategy intended to shift the balance in what military officials have described as a declining stalemate in the 16-year war against the Taliban. The insurgents rely heavily on opium production to fund their operations.

Afghanistan is the world's top cultivator of poppies, which produce a sticky, yellow residue that is used to make heroin and opium. The annual harvest — estimated to be worth about \$1.4 billion — accounts for about 7 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

During their brief recent that began in the late 1990s, hard-line Taliban Islamists virtually eradicated opium production in the country at the urging of the U.N.'s counter-narcotics agency. They slashed the world's poppy production by three-quarters in the summer of 2001. Their regime was cut short by the U.S.-led invasion later that year after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Since then, production has continuously exploded.

Nearly 60 percent of the country's opium, about 5,200 metric tons, was produced in the country's south, which includes the insurgency's heartland, the survey said.

"It is high time for the international community and Afghanistan to reorientize drug control," UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov said in a statement.

Despite eradication efforts in 14 provinces, cultivation of the crop expanded this year to three new provinces — Ghazni, Samangan and Nuristan. A record 328,000 hectares was under cultivation, compared with 201,000 hectares in 2016, researchers found.

In southern Helmand province, where in the past seven months the Marine-led Task Force Southwest has aided Afghan forces in beating back a Taliban offensive, production has spread to nearly 64,000 hectares.

Besides political volatility, conflict and corruption, a lack of jobs and education also affect farmers' decisions to grow the illicit crop, the survey's authors said. A shift in the Afghan government's focus on battling insurgents in densely populated urban areas may make rural populations vulnerable to greater insurgent influence, leading to the increased cultivation.

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# Helmand: Afghan servicemembers attribute recent successes to Marines

## FROM FRONT PAGE

At the outset, a few dozen Marines moved into a series of low-slung buildings at Bost airfield outside Lashkar Gah, which houses an Afghan army brigade, the provincial police headquarters and the regional military control center. The Marines cleared cobwebs and old clothes out of a storage room and converted it into a mess hall where they dined on military rations or eggs and instant noodles Afghan bring from a local market.

Next door, separated by a chain-link fence, is the control center where Marines have helped Afghan officers replace static maps with Google Earth, plot civilian buildings and ground troops with multicolored icons, and process intelligence from the field.

"We've seen them exponentially increase their ability to manage the battle space because they can visualize it," said Maj. Paul Rivera, a Marine adviser from Houston. "It's like going from being color-blind to seeing in color."

The U.S. military's Task Force Southwest, led by 300 Marine advisers, has revitalized Afghan forces and increased airstrikes during a sustained government offensive that has pushed the Taliban away from major towns and highways and eliminated the threat to Lashkar Gah, according to U.S. and Afghan officials.

While the Marines' deployment to Helmand took shape in the last months of the Obama administration, their mission encompasses one of the main goals of Trump's troop surge, which Pentagon officials say is to get U.S. mentors out of large bases and closer to where Afghans are fighting in order to have a greater impact on the battlefield.

"I think we're doing what's in the new strategy now, within the capability and capacity we have," said Brig. Gen. Roger Turner, commander of the task force based

at Camp Shorab, a small outpost next to the sprawling emptiness of Camp Leatherneck, an abandoned base that once housed more than 20,000 NATO troops.

Roughly one-third of Turner's troops have previously served in the province, embedded in Marine lore for the bloody battles fought here in 2010 and 2011. Some 350 Americans lost their lives helping Afghan forces secure key districts — only to see many fall back under Taliban influence after they withdrew.

The new mission is different. While U.S. special operations forces still conduct secret raids, the Marines in Helmand, like the rest of conventional U.S. troops in Afghanistan, don't patrol highways or visit mud-walled villages anymore. They advise government troops from inside military bases, provincial offices and operations centers lined with monitors streaming surveillance footage.

That has meant far fewer U.S. military fatalities in Afghanistan — 13 this year compared with nearly 500 in 2010, when there were 10 times as many American troops here.

But in a bid to break what Pentagon officials have described as a stalemate in the 16-year war, the Trump administration has expanded military commanders' authorities, potentially putting them at greater risk.

Trump has set no end date for the troop commitment, and Pentagon planners have declined to specify the numbers or destinations of the extra U.S. forces. That is a reversal from the Obama administration, which announced its intention to pull all U.S. troops out by 2014 before abandoning that plan when security deteriorated.

"The enduring commitment to Afghanistan is hugely impactful to our partners, and I think to the population it's the same thing," Turner said.

"I think they want us to be here and they want us to help make

things better here. And I think it's had an impact on the enemy too, because now they can't just wait us out."

When Marines and British troops departed Helmand in October 2014, the Afghan army and police proved incapable of holding the Taliban at bay. Resources were slow to arrive from the capital, Kabul, and security forces complained of not being paid on time. Morale sank and desertions soared.

Critically, without U.S. trainers, the Afghans could not request American airstrikes. Holed up inside checkpoints, they were easy targets for insurgents who see Helmand as their cash cow: home to the poppy fields that produce more than three-quarters of the world's opium, the Taliban's most important source of revenue.

The month before the Marines withdrew in 2014, 39 soldiers from the Afghan army's 215th Corps in Helmand were killed in action, according to U.S. military officials. During the same month of the following year, that number soared to 115.

The commander of Afghan police in the province, Maj. Gen. Ghulam Daoud Tarakheil, saw his health decline as he came under a steady barrage of rocket fire from insurgents poised at the city limits.

"We couldn't even stand outside," Tarakheil said. "Mortars would hit this spot from every side."

A small American task force deployed to Helmand last year and began re-establishing links with Afghan soldiers based next to Shorab. It soon became clear that the Afghan commander was a big part of the problem. Appointed to push the ranks of Afghan soldiers — who existed only on paper so that corrupt officials could pocket their salaries — the commander, Maj. Gen. Moeen Faqir, was arrested early this year on charges including stealing money meant to buy food for his men.

The Marines rotated in with a similar mission: Keep Lashkar Gah from falling to the Taliban. They came just as a new Afghan commander was installed.

Maj. Gen. Wali Mohammad Ahmadzai, a burly, no-nonsense officer with a thick mustache, quickly forged a close relationship with Turner. He sometimes joined the blue-eyed, square-jawed general for strategy sessions over dinner at the Marines' cafeteria, armed with large discs of Afghan flatbread.

In May, Ahmadzai impressed the Marines when he rode at the front of a convoy of Afghan troops as they fought to dislodge insurgents from Marjah, the poppy-growing town where nearly 50 Americans died in a major 2010 battle. In the months that followed, Marines advised Afghan operations to push Taliban fighters out of districts surrounding Lashkar Gah.

In July, with American F-16 jets and Apache attack helicopters supplying airstrikes, Afghan soldiers and American advisers fought a large town south of Bost airfield. They took down Taliban bases and presented them to their Marine advisers as gifts.

"We have seen some good changes under my leadership," Ahmadzai said. "When we weren't capable of doing the job were removed. And because the Marines have come back and supported us, we have been able to clear all the main roads in the province."

The provincial government has better clinics and schools in Nawa. Unlike in the past, when Marines tried to install basic social services in liberated districts, commanders are leaving governance to Afghan officials.

"We have a security and defeating the Taliban," said Col. Matthew Reid, the task force's deputy commander. "(Fixing) governance, corruption, narcotics — that comes later. First you need to win the fight."

By aggressively attacking the Taliban, Reid said, the Afghans

suffer fewer casualties. In the month ending Sept. 21, 36 Afghan soldiers in the Helmand-based corps were killed, the lowest total for that month in five years.

But the Afghans need American support to remain on the offensive. Pentagon officials say the troop increase will allow U.S. forces to reach beyond Afghan corps headquarters and into smaller bases to directly advise brigade and battalion leaders and coordinate more airstrikes.

Advisers have also helped the Afghans make better use of their burgeoning air assets, including surveillance drones.

One recent morning, two convoys of Afghan security forces traveling south toward Lashkar Gah came under fire from a house inside the village of Malgir. Inside a windowless, high-ceilinged room at an operations center near Shorab, Marines, Afghan officers, and American civilian contractors watched footage from a U.S.-made ScanEagle drone hovering above the village.

Once Afghan troops in the area determined the shooters' location and that there were no civilians nearby, officers in the control room requested airstrikes, which were carried out by U.S. Apache helicopters. One of the shooters was killed, two were wounded and two escaped, said Afghan army Maj. Abdul Wakil.

Afghans attribute their recent successes to the Marines. At a training facility outside Shorab, as recruits practiced infantry maneuvers in a dirt field, instructor Mir Ahmad Malangzai said that after he was injured in a roadside bomb blast last year, Americans trained him to take a course in detecting explosives.

"It's with the Marines' support and cooperation that we've reached this level," Malangzai said. "If they leave again, things will 100 percent be reversed."

## MILITARY

## VA seeks \$782M for records overhaul

BY NIKKI WENTLING  
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WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin went to Capitol Hill on Wednesday seeking \$800 million to begin an overhaul of the VA's electronic health records — an initiative nearly 20 years in the making.

The VA is close to entering into a contract with Corner Corp., the health information technology company it chose to implement a new electronic health records system. First, Congress must allow the VA to reappropriate \$782 million in other department funds.

"If the VA doesn't secure funding by the end of the year, the contract will cost more, and a 10-year implementation timeline will

be thrown off," Shulkin told a House Appropriations subcommittee Wednesday.

"We have to do this quickly," he said. "The right thing to do is act with urgency, be aggressive and implement strict timelines."

Lawmakers on the subcommittee were skeptical.

Since 2000, members of the time and resources wasted over the years on this endeavor, it is easy to see why members have such frustration on this issue," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla. "It's been an unbelievably lengthy process, even for government."

In 2006, members of Congress have pushed the VA to create a system capable of sharing patient data seamlessly with the Defense Department. Soon after former President Barack Obama took office in 2009, he charged the VA and the Defense Department with creating an integrated system. The plan was abandoned in 2013 because of cost concerns after the agencies had already spent about \$1 billion.

"If we get your support moving forward, we won't allow that to happen," Shulkin said. "We'll stick at it. It's going to be hard, and there will be stumbles, but there is something we have to get done for the country."

The VA has continued to spend money to fix its in-house system, called VistA, described by the Government Accountability Office as "old, inefficient and difficult to maintain." Bringing VistA up to health industry standards would cost \$19 billion over 10 years, Shulkin said.

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## Army: No waivers for serious issues

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has not and will not approve enlistment waivers for individuals with a history of self-mutilation or other documented serious mental health conditions, the Army's top general said Wednesday.

Gen. Mark Milley, the Army's chief of staff, said recruitment standards have not been justified to meet hefty ascension goals as the service looks to grow its force for the second consecutive year, calling a USA Today report that indicated the service would accept some individuals with past mental health issues "mischaracterized." The report cited internal Army documents and listed conditions including self-mutilation, bipolar disorder, depression or drug or alcohol abuse.

"The bottom line is there has been no change in standards," Milley said during a breakfast with reporters. "Since 2017, there has been no one to come into the Army that has not met the Department of Defense standards for behavioral health and/or personal conduct. When it says we are letting people in with a history of cutting themselves, of self-mutilation, that is not true. When it says we are letting people in with serious mental health conditions, with bipolar disorder, that is not true."

The only change the Army has made is to



lower the level at which ascension waivers for most issues must be approved, the service said in a statement following the USA Today report published Sunday. That change, moving the level of authorization from Army headquarters to U.S. Army Recruiting Command, was quietly implemented in August. But the Army's statement did not clarify in what situations it would grant waivers for potential recruits.

On Wednesday, Milley clarified it was not changing any categories of waivers that would be approved. The Army has routinely granted waivers for individuals to enlist or commission for a variety of reasons, including criminal history, medical issues, vision problems and age. Certain issues including felony convictions, serious mental health issues and criminal drug use other than marijuana cannot be waived by Defense Department policy issued

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Gen. Mark Milley  
Army's chief of staff

in recent years.

Acting Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said he and Milley spoke Tuesday with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to clarify the issue. He said the Army had been assured by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee that civilian nominees would not be held up over the reports. McCain earlier Tuesday had threatened such action, citing the USA Today report.

The Army is looking to recruit 18,000 new soldiers by September, but Milley said he has made clear that the quality of applicants is the priority over meeting recruiting goals.

"Here's what we've told recruiters: If you make the numbers that's great, but you will make the standard," Milley said. "We will not reduce quality to gain quantity. Full stop."

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## Military survey: Time away from home a top concern

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For years, issues of pay and benefits have been high on the list of concerns that servicemembers and their families have about their military lifestyle.

But the toll of 16 years of continued wars and the separation of families with demands has finally nudged its way to the top, according to this year's Blue Star Families Military Lifestyle survey released Wednesday.

For the first time since 2012, nearly half of the survey respondents, 46 percent, said time away from family was their top concern.

"The majority of military families feel that the current operational tempos exerts an unacceptable level of stress, making a healthy work-life balance difficult," said the survey's executive summary. "Quality of life issues, including time away from family, military family stability and the impact of military service on children are top concerns this year, along with lasting concerns regarding pay, benefits and spouse employment."

The eighth annual survey, conducted in April and May, involved more than 7,800 respondents including servicemembers, spouses and veterans and, according to Blue Star Families, is the largest and most comprehensive survey of its kind.

According to the survey, a third of families spent 25 percent of the last 16 years apart from the servicemember, while 40 percent of the respondents said that in the last 18 months, they had experienced more than six months apart.

**The survey found 72 percent of servicemembers and 77 percent of spouses are satisfied with military life.**

That finding leads to another concern, the survey found: the impact on children. In another first for the survey, the impact of deployments and their children's education made it to the top five concerns for servicemembers and spouses. The concerns are not new, but their placement on both of the top five lists makes this year's findings unique.

Military families move a lot, meaning their children must adjust frequently to new schools while also coping with frequent absences as their parent deploys. More than half the respondents said the Department of Defense was not giving adequate support to help kids cope with the challenges that military life creates. Two thirds said finding reliable child care is a consistent problem.

Citing concerns about the impact on their family, 72 percent of servicemember respondents said they planned to leave the military in the next two years. About 30 percent said concerns about the impact on family was driving the decision, while 25 percent cited not enough time with family.

While most servicemembers said they would recommend service to other people, 60 percent said they would not recommend it to their own children.

Also not new to the list: concerns about pay and spouse employment, which continues to be a challenge for military families, because of the frequent moves. According to the survey, military spouse unemployment rose from 21 percent last year to 28 percent in 2017. While some choose not to work, fewer than 48 percent of military spouse respondents are employed, compared with 67 percent of civilian households on dual income. And just over half of employed military spouses made less than \$20,000 last year while 39 percent made under \$10,000, the survey found.

This was the first time the survey asked spouses how much they earned, said Cristin Orr Shiffer, senior adviser for research and policy for Blue Star Families and a lead author on the survey that was conducted with the Institute of Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University in New York.

"The earnings is a shockingly low percentage," Shiffer said. "Pay is a salary for families, not just for servicemembers."

Because there is a much smaller percent of dual incomes in the military, military salaries should be calculated differently than salaries in the civilian world, she said. "It should be an adjusted metric."

Meanwhile, findings in the survey indicated that traditional gender roles for families are still very prevalent in the military lifestyle, with women indicating more concerns over child care affecting work issues than their male counterparts.

For example, 67 percent of female servicemembers reported they could not find child care works, compared with only 33

percent of male servicemembers and military military spouses who were "far less likely to indicate child care challenges as a factor in employment or education decisions, with 40 of male military spouses versus 17 percent of female military spouses reporting their employment or education decisions had not been impacted by child-care challenges," the report found.

Meanwhile 49 percent of male military spouses reported working full time compared with 27 percent for female spouses, and 50 percent of female spouses reporting family obligations were a top career obstacle, compared with 30 percent of male respondents.

"Gender roles are still very deeply ingrained in the military — both for servicemembers and their spouses," Shiffer said. "Male servicemembers and spouses tend to be much less likely to be impacted by those challenges."

While the rates for anxiety or depression among servicemembers were on par with the general population, the survey found that military spouses had a 50 percent higher rate of depression. It found that 24 percent of military spouses were diagnosed with depression over the course of their military association, compared with just half that rate in the lifetime of civilian spouses.

Despite all the challenges, however, the survey found that 72 percent of servicemembers and 77 percent of spouses are satisfied with military life. Among veterans, 93 percent of women and 95 percent of men felt the service had a positive impact on their lives.

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## NATION

# Gunman behind California rampage was out on bail

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Associated Press

RANCHO TEHAMA, Calif. — The gunman behind a rampage in Northern California was out on bail charged with stabbing a neighbor, others had complained about him firing hundreds of rounds from his house, and he had been the subject of a domestic violence call the day before the attack.

Yet Kevin Neal was free and able to use a semiautomatic rifle and two handguns Tuesday to shoot 14 people, killing four, in seven locations across his rural community, including an elementary school, before he died in a shootout with police.

It's not yet clear what the terms of Neal's bail were and whether he would have been allowed to possess and fire the weapons on his property at the end of a dirt road in Rancho Tehama. Nor did sheriff's officials give details on the domestic violence call.

But his many contacts with authorities raised questions of why he was out of custody and able



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NOGA AMIR/RAV/Stars and Stripes

to go on the 45-minute rampage that began with the killing of two neighbors in an apparent act of revenge before he went looking for random victims.

The gunman's sister, Sheridan Orr, said her brother had strug-

gled with mental illness throughout his life and at times had a violent temper.

She said Neal had "no business" owning firearms.

Tehama County Assistant Sheriff Phil Johnston said the shooter was facing charges of assaulting one of the feuding neighbors in January and that she had a restraining order against him.

Johnston did not comment on the shooter's access to firearms.

Neal's mother told The Associated Press her son, who was a marijuana grower, was in a long-running dispute with neighbors he believed were cooking methamphetamine.

The mother, who spoke on condition she be named only as Anne because she fears for her safety, lives in Raleigh, N.C., where she raised Neal. She said she posted his \$160,000 bail and spent \$10,000 on a lawyer after he was arrested in January for stabbing a neighbor. Neal's mother said the neighbor was slightly cut after Neal grabbed a steak knife out of the hand of the neighbor who was threatening him with it.

She wept as she told the AP she



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Yellow tags mark where bullet casings were found at one of the scenes of a shooting spree at Rancho Tehama Reserve on Tuesday.

spoke to Neal on the phone on Monday.

"Mom it's all over now," she said he told her. "I have done everything I could do and I am fighting against everyone who lives in this area."

Police said surveillance video shows the shooter unsuccessfully trying to enter a nearby elementary school after quick-thinking staff members locked the outside doors and barricaded themselves inside when they heard gunshots.

Johnston said the gunman spent about six minutes shooting into Rancho Tehama Elementary

School before driving off to continue shooting elsewhere. Johnston said one student was shot but is expected to survive.

He said the 45-minute rampage ended when a patrol car rammed the stolen vehicle the shooter was driving and an officer killed him in a shootout.

Johnston said officials received multiple 911 calls about gunfire at an intersection of two dirt roads. Minutes later, more calls reporting shots flooded in from different locations, including the school.

## GOP targets health care mandate in revised tax bill

By MARCY GORDON  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama health care law's requirement that Americans get insurance coverage is now pinned as a target of Republican lawmakers, as they look to end the individual mandate to help pay for deep cuts in their tax legislation.

Senate Republicans showed Tuesday they're intent on scrapping the Affordable Care Act's insurance mandate, and the idea was endorsed by scores of GOP lawmakers in the House.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Finance Committee, confirmed late Tuesday he was revising the bill to include repeal of

the insurance mandate "to help provide additional relief to low- and middle-income families."

The surprise renewal of the failed effort to eliminate the health care law's mandate came a day after President Donald Trump renewed pressure on Republican lawmakers to include the repeal in their sweeping legislation to revamp the tax system. It carries high political stakes for Trump, who lacks a major legislative achievement after nearly 10 months in office.

The move by Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee upended the debate over the tax measure just as it was inching closer to passage following months of fine-tuning and com-

promise. It turned the debate into an angry partisan referendum on health care and President Barack Obama's signature law, the Affordable Care Act.

The completed House tax bill, pointed toward a vote in that chamber Thursday, does not include repeal of the health insurance mandate. Trump plans an in-person appeal to House Republicans before the vote.

Promoted as needed relief for the middle class, the House and Senate tax overhaul bills would deeply cut corporate rates, double the standard deduction used by most Americans and limit or repeal completely the federal deduction for state and local property, income and sales taxes.

Republican leaders deem passage of the first major tax overhaul in 30 years as imperative for the GOP to preserve its majorities in next year's elections.

Republican efforts to dismantle the health care law collapsed this past summer as moderate Republicans joined with Democrats in rejecting the repeal — a bitter disappointment for Trump, who lashed out at the Senate GOP for failing. Adding the repeal of the mandate to the tax measure would combine two of Trump's legislative priorities.

Beyond Trump's prodding, the repeal move was dictated by the Republicans' need to find revenue sources for the massive tax-cut bill, which calls for steep reduc-

tions in the corporate tax rate and elimination of some popular tax breaks.

Feeling ambushed without advance notice, minority Democrats warned that with fewer healthy people in the insurance risk pool, the price of premiums would rise.

"Rather than learning the lessons from their failure to repeal health care, Republicans are doubling down on the same partisan strategy that would throw our health care system into chaos," said Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer. "If the American people weren't already outraged by this bill, injecting health care into it will certainly do the trick."

## Jury continues to deliberate in bribery trial of Menendez

By DAVID PORTER  
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Jurors began a seventh day of deliberations in the bribery trial of Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez and a wealthy friend Wednesday as defense attorneys pushed for the judge to instruct them that a deadlock can be an acceptable outcome to the case.

Attorneys filed a brief with the court Wednesday after Tuesday's session ended without a verdict. Deliberations began on Nov. 6, but the jury restarted Monday after a juror was excused for a previously

scheduled vacation and was replaced by an alternate.

Jurors sent a note to U.S. District Judge William Walls at the end of the day Monday saying they were deadlocked, but he told them to keep going and to "take as much time as you need." Defense attorneys felt other parts of Walls' instruction implied that they needed to reach a verdict one way or another.

Walls challenged defense attorneys Tuesday to show him cases to support their argument. In a 1974 murder case cited in their brief Wednesday, a judge told jurors that although it was an important case,

"they need not reach a verdict and could continue to disagree" though they should try to reach a verdict.

Walls could instruct the jury that they can reach a verdict on some counts but not others. He also could give them what is referred to as an Allen charge, named after the defendant in a more than century-old case. It is given to a deadlocked jury and urges jurors who are voting against the majority to reconsider their positions to avoid a mistrial.

On Tuesday, Walls said he has not "come close" to giving an Allen charge since becoming a judge in 1994.

The trial is in its 11th week. Menendez and Florida eye doctor Salomon Melgen are charged with running a bribery scheme between 2006 and 2013 in which Menendez lobbied government officials on Melgen's behalf in exchange for luxury vacations and flights on Melgen's private plane.

The men each face about a dozen counts including bribery, fraud and conspiracy. Menendez also is charged with making false statements for failing to report Melgen's gifts on Senate disclosure forms.

Both men deny the allegations.

## NATION

# Scientists try first gene editing inside the body

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Scientists for the first time have tried editing a gene inside the body in a bold attempt to permanently change a person's DNA to cure a disease.

The experiment was done Monday in California on Brian Madeux, 44. Through an IV, he received billions of copies of a corrective gene and a genetic tool to cut his DNA in a precise spot.

"It's kind of humbling" to be the first to test this, said Madeux, who has a metabolic disease called Hunter syndrome. "I'm willing to take that risk. Hopefully, it will help me and other people."

Signs of whether it's working may come in a month; tests will show for sure in three months.

If it's successful, it could give a major boost to the fledgling field of gene therapy. Scientists have edited people's genes before, altering cells in the lab that are then returned to patients. There also are gene therapies that don't involve editing DNA.

But these methods can only be



Eric Risberg/AP

**Brian Madeux uses an infrared device to look at his veins as nurse Siobhan Field prepares an IV line for the first human gene editing therapy at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland in Oakland, Calif., on Nov. 6.**

used for a few types of diseases. Some give results that may not last. Some others supply a new gene like a spare part, but can't control where it inserts in the DNA, possibly causing a new problem such as cancer.

This time, the gene tinkering is

happening in a precise way inside the body. It's like sending a mini surgeon along to place the new gene in exactly the right location.

"We cut your DNA, open it up, insert a gene, stitch it back up. Invisibly mending," said Dr. Sandy Macrae, president of Sangamo

Therapeutics, the California company testing this for two metabolic diseases and hemophilia. "It becomes part of your DNA and is there for the rest of your life."

That also means there's no going back, no way to erase any mistakes the editing might cause.

"You're really toying with Mother Nature" and the risks can't be fully known, but the studies should move forward because these are incurable diseases, said one independent expert, Dr. Eric Topol, of the Scripps Translational Science Institute in San Diego.

Protections are in place to help ensure safety, and animal tests were very encouraging, said Dr. Howard Kaufman, a Boston scientist on the National Institutes of Health panel that approved the studies.

Fewer than 10,000 people worldwide have these metabolic diseases, partly because many die very young. Those with Madeux's condition, Hunter syndrome, lack a gene that makes an enzyme that breaks down certain carbohydrates. These build up in cells and cause havoc throughout the body.

Weekly IV doses of the missing enzyme can ease some symptoms, but cost \$100,000 to \$400,000 a year and don't prevent brain damage.

A gene-editing tool called CRISPR has gotten a lot of recent attention, but this study used a different one called zinc finger nucleases. They're like molecular scissors that seek and cut a specific piece of DNA.

The therapy has three parts: the new gene and two zinc finger proteins. DNA instructions for each part are placed in a virus that's been altered to not cause infection but to ferry them into cells. Billions of copies of these are given through a vein.

They travel to the liver, where cells use the instructions to make the zinc fingers and prepare the corrective gene. The fingers cut the DNA, allowing the new gene to slip in. The new gene then directs the cell to make the enzyme the patient lacked.

## Fund set up to preserve black history sites

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new \$25 million fund is being set up through the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help ensure that historical sites important to black history are no longer endangered.

The African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, announced Wednesday, will be financed through partnerships with groups such as the Ford Foundation and the JPB Foundation, and already has more than \$3 million on hand.

"There is an opportunity and an obligation for us to step forward boldly and ensure the preservation of places which tell the often-overlooked stories of black Americans and their many contributions to our nation," said Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The money will be used to address critical funding gaps for the preservation of black historical sites, including memorializing some places already lost to history, like Shockoe Bottom in Richmond, Va.

Shockoe Bottom was the center

of Richmond's slave trade, second only in importance to New Orleans between 1850 and 1865, but much of it has been paved over. The National Trust named Shockoe Bottom one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 2014, and is working to add a memorial park to the area.

The fund was created during the discussion on whether Confederate monuments and memorials should be taken down.

"We were concerned that the narrative around historical monuments and markers that was all about tearing things down," said Darren Walker, president of the

Ford Foundation. "While we think there is a role to play in determining what monuments should remain, we believe that it is equally as important to create monuments and markers for people whose stories have not been told."

Walker will lead an advisory panel that includes names such as Lonnie Bunch, director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture; Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, chairwoman of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; actress Thelma Houston; and U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell, D-Ala.

## Police say it's a 'miracle' more weren't hurt in store shooting

Associated Press

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. — It's a "miracle" more people weren't wounded when a man dressed in camouflage, wearing body armor and armed with two semi-automatic rifles sprayed a retail store with dozens of rounds, wounding one man, before being tackled by police, authorities said.

Police in the town of Cheektowaga said the gunfire erupted around 2:45 p.m. Tuesday outside a Dollar General store. The gunman fired repeatedly at the store's entrance from outside while several customers and employees were inside, police Chief David Zack said.

A 53-year-old Cheektowaga man suffered a gunshot wound to

his shoulder, officials said.

Police say they found two AR-15-style rifles at the scene and 850 rounds and what appears to be a semi-automatic rifle with ammunition magazines in his car.

Police identified the suspect as Travis Green, 29, of Buffalo. His mother, Viola, said her son and his wife had recently broken up, but police said they were still trying to determine a motive.

He was arraigned Wednesday on charges that included attempted murder, assault, criminal use of a firearm and resisting arrest. He pleaded not guilty.

"It is a miracle I'm not at this podium reading the name of the dead," Zack said during a news conference at police headquarters.



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## NATION

# Ala. GOP gets more heat about Moore

By ALAN FRAM and KIMBERLY CHANDLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Republicans are tightening pressure on Alabama's GOP to keep a defiant Roy Moore from being elected to the Senate next month. Many are voicing hope that President Donald Trump could use his clout to resolve a problem that Republicans say leaves them with no easy options.

With Alabama Republicans reluctant to block Moore and enrage his legions of loyal conservative supporters, national GOP leaders were turning to Trump as their best chance of somehow turning the tide. Two women by name have said Moore molested them in the 1970s when one was 14 and the other 16 and he was a local district attorney, and three others said he pursued romantic relationships with them around the same time.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, in all-out political warfare with Moore, said there'd be conversations about the anti-establishment firebrand now that Trump has returned from Asia.

He said he'd already spoken about Moore to the president, Vice President Mike Pence and White House chief of staff John Kelly.

"He's obviously not fit to be in the United States Senate and we've looked at all the options to try to prevent that from happening," said McClellan, who said on Monday that he believed Moore's users.

Maintaining his political brand as an unrepentant outsider, Moore again denied abusing the women in an email that reminded voters of their loyalty to him: "He's the same man you've always known him to be." It added, "On to victory."

At the "God Save America" Conference later Tuesday in Jackson, Ala., Moore said there is a "spiritual battle" going on in American politics.



BYRNH ANDERSON/AP

**Former Alabama Chief Justice and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore speaks Tuesday at a church revival in Jackson, Ala. Moore remains defiant about staying in the Senate race despite allegations from several women of inappropriate sexual contact.**

"Why do you think they're giving me this trouble?" he asked the Baptist church audience.

"Why do you think I'm being harassed in the media and people (are) pushing for an allegation in the last 28 days of the election?"

Twice removed from his post as state Supreme Court chief justice, Moore's candidacy in the Dec. 12 special election confronts Republicans with two damaging potential outcomes.

A victory saddles GOP senators with a colleague accused of abusing and harassing teenagers, a troubling liability heading into next year's congressional elections, while an upset victory by Democrat Doug Jones would slice the already narrow GOP Senate majority to an unwieldy 51-49.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions told Congress he has "no reason to doubt" the women. Sessions, a former Alabama senator and still one of the GOP's most influential voices in the state,

didn't rule out a Justice Department probe of the allegations, telling the House Judiciary Committee, "We will evaluate every case as to whether or not it should be investigated."

The national Republican Party ended a fundraising arrangement with Moore's campaign, Federal Election Commission documents showed.

While few think Trump could persuade Moore to step aside, several are hoping he can persuade the Alabama state party to take some action.

Despite the building pressure from national Republicans, state GOP officials have taken a measured response.

In an interview, Moore campaign chairman Bill Armistead said he'd seen no indication the state party will "back off in any way." He said some in the party want it to pass a resolution embracing Moore.

## Prosecution unlikely in Bush cases

By NOMAN MERCHANT  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Allegations that former President George H.W. Bush inappropriately touched six women involve potential crimes punishable by fines or jail time if they had been prosecuted.

All but one of the cases is ineligible under state laws that limit when a prosecution can begin after an alleged crime, and several lawyers interviewed said that it would be difficult to win a conviction against Bush, who has vascular parkinsonism, a rare syndrome that mimics Parkinson's disease.

"You're still going to be facing prosecuting a 93-year-old man in a wheelchair that's a former president," said Toby Shook, a lawyer who previously served as a prosecutor in Dallas. "I doubt if you could ever find a jury that would ever want to convict him."

There's no indication prosecutors are planning to pursue a case against Bush. Jordana Grolnick, an actress who alleged that Bush groped her behind last year as his wife Barbara, stood nearby, told The Associated Press that she has no plans to report the 41st president to authorities. That appears to be the only incident that hasn't reached the local statute of limitations on how long a crime can be prosecuted after it occurs.

The six incidents occurred in three states over a decade. In all of the cases, the women say Bush touched their buttocks as they stood next to him to take photos. All three states have laws against touching someone without their consent.

The women's stories broadly follow the same outline: Bush patted them below the waist as they stood next to him to take photos, sometimes with a joke about his favorite magician or writer being named "David Cop-a-Feel."

Bush has issued repeated apologies through a spokesman "to anyone he has offended." The spokesman, Jim McGrath, said in a statement last month that Bush has used a wheelchair for roughly five years, and that "his arm falls on the lower waist of people with whom he takes pictures." In a statement Monday, McGrath said, "George Bush simply does not have it in his heart to knowingly cause anyone distress, and he again apologizes to anyone he offended during a photo op."

McGrath did not respond to a request for additional comment Tuesday.

Actress Heather Lind was the first to accuse Bush of groping her, saying in an Oct. 24 Instagram post that Bush "touched me from behind" and told "a dirty joke" while they posed for a photo at a Houston screening of the AMC television series "Trump."

Five more women have come forward since then.

The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault without their consent, but is using the names of women who have spoken publicly on social media or in news reports.

# Trump's trip overshadowed by Moore scandal

By ZEEK MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump spent five days in Asia largely keeping the Alabama Senate scandal at bay. He won't be so lucky on U.S. soil.

The president returned to Washington on Tuesday night and walked straight into a party panic over the sexual misconduct accusations dogging GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore. Having pushed publicly and privately for Moore to get out of the race, Republicans believe their last best shot is Trump, who they hope can persuade his fellow political rebel to fall in line.

Trump has given little indication of whether he's interested in playing the role of party heavy. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders has echoed other Republican leaders, saying last Friday that Moore should step aside if the allegations are true.

But as other Republicans began to call for Moore to quit the race, Trump was notably silent in public. On Tuesday, he didn't address the issue when he spoke with reporters aboard Air Force One as he flew back to Washington, nor did he re-

## Democrats push impeachment try

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Five Democrats have introduced articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, a long-shot effort that stands little chance in the Republican-led House.

The five articles accused the president of obstruction of justice, undermining the independence of the federal judiciary and other offenses.

Rep. Steve Cohen, of Tennessee, led the effort, saying

in a statement Wednesday "the time has come to make clear to the American people and to this president that his train of injuries to our Constitution must be brought to an end through impeachment."

Republicans hold the majority in the House and are unlikely to act on the impeachment articles. Democratic leaders largely oppose the effort, fearing that it only relies up the GOP base that is strongly supportive of the unpopular president.

spond to shouted questions about Moore as he entered the White House that night.

"I have to get back into the country to see what's happening," Trump told reporters over the weekend as he flew from Danang, Vietnam to Hanoi during his five-nation tour of Asia.

Behind the scenes, he was vexed by the issue. Trump's 12-day trip, the longest of his presidency, was

quickly overshadowed at home by the shocking accusations of sexual assault on minors by Moore, who was embraced publicly by the White House last month after winning the state's GOP primary.

GOP officials cautioned that the actions of Washington Republicans, including the president, were unlikely to affect Moore's decision-making — and that any moves against him could backfire



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

**President Donald Trump waves Tuesday as he returns to the White House after an Asia tour.**

in an anti-establishment political environment.

The president backed Moore's unsuccessful rival, Sen. Luther Strange, in the Republican primary. One person familiar with the president's thinking said Trump has been slow to call for Moore to exit the race in part because he risked embarrassment if, as expected, Moore defied him.

# INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

## Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at [stripes.com](http://stripes.com) or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in

Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

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## NATION

# Lawmakers use satire to prod colleagues over war legislation

By CLAUDIA GRISALES  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — In hosting a Capitol Hill viewing of the fictional Netflix film "War Machine," a bipartisan group of lawmakers Tuesday evening said the satire is a striking reminder of the need for urgent legislation to address and potentially end America's longest war.

Reps. Walter Jones, R-N.C.; Barbara Lee, D-Calif.; Thomas Massie, R-Ky.; and Rick Nolan, D-Minn., made an impassioned plea for a new war authorization in Afghanistan as they introduced the summer film with the project's director and other guests, including two former presidential candidates.

The war has lasted for more than 16 years — claiming the lives of more than 2,000 Americans and leaving more than 20,000 seriously injured — with insufficient involvement or oversight from Congress, the lawmakers argued.

"It goes on and on and on," Jones told guests gathered at the Capitol Visitor's Center on Tuesday night. "The American people deserve that their Congress — who support the Constitution when we take our oath — should be responsible for continuing to have a debate for sending our young men and women to die in war."

The film, which stars Brad Pitt and became available for streaming in May, is tied to a Rolling Stone magazine profile of Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal as he took over the war in Afghanistan in 2009. The satire was inspired by the Michael Hastings' 2012 book "The Operators," which documented a wild, unfiltered night with McChrystal and his crew directed to reverse the course of failure in Afghanistan.

McChrystal was dismissed in light of the story, which quoted criticism against Vice President Joe Biden and others.

"The movie is kind of a bit ridiculous," said fighting with Michôd, who is from Australia.

"It's a war satire when we don't make the thin anymore. It's incredibly gratifying for me that even though we released this in May, its tail is still wagging in places like this, the places that actually count."

The lawmakers said Tuesday the film highlights the concerns fueling long-running opposition to the 2001 and 2002 war authorizations that triggered the U.S. conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

In the last two months, the war powers have been debated for hours on the Senate floor, been the subject of several congressional hearings and won growing support for revision or repeal among members of both houses.

Earlier this year, Lee, who opposed the 2001 authorization and has pushed to repeal it in the 16 years since, won support from a House Appropriations committee for her legislation to debate the current war powers in the lower chamber. But the effort was stripped in a later version of the defense bill carrying her amendment.

The authorizations have been used by presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump for 37 engagements in at least 19 countries, said Lee, who describes herself as an "Army brat" as the daughter of a veteran soldier.

"We remain locked in a war without end," Lee told guests Tuesday. The 2001 war authorization "set the stage for perpetual war. That blank check has been used everywhere in the world."

Massie, who joked he's "transatlantic" these days, said he continues to argue against the U.S. presence in Afghanistan because it's clear that the U.S. is no longer fighting to win and the Taliban will remain after the

Americans leave.

A hard pill to swallow, he said: Servicemembers will soon join the war who were born after it started. His son, who is in high school, might be among them, since he is hoping to join the military.

"Year after next, we will have soldiers deployed to this war who were born during the war," he said. "If that doesn't send chills up your spine, I don't know what will."

Massie said he's argued the concern with his conservative colleagues on a budgetary basis as well as from a historical perspective.

For example, the proposed defense bill's war account is at more than \$40 billion, which is equivalent to five F-35 fighter-class aircraft carriers, he said.

"Why are you sinking five aircraft carriers in the mountains of Afghanistan?" he told the "War Machine" audience. "Not to say anything about the human life that will be lost."

Massie also highlighted the ruin of empires lost in Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan is called the graveyard of empires for a reason," he said. "Alexander the Great learned that the hard way. The Soviet Union, The British Empire. Why do we have to learn that the hard way? It's time to get out of Afghanistan."

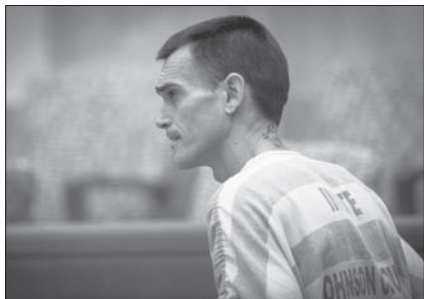
Former presidential candidates Dennis Kucinich and Ralph Nader were also in attendance Tuesday to show support for the lawmakers and the film.

"Congress has to begin obeying the Constitution and the international treaties that we helped write and support," Nader said. "These are criminal wars of aggression. They sent soldiers to kill and die in those countries like Afghanistan and they flatter them, and when they come home, they abandon them."

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TAMMY LUNGBLAD, THE KANSAS CITY (Mo.) STAR/AP

Justin Rey appears in Johnson County District Court in Olathe, Kan., on Nov. 2.

## Autopsy confirms identity of remains found in storage

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Preliminary autopsy results confirm that dismembered human remains found inside a suburban Kansas City storage unit are those of a woman whose husband was staying in the unit with their 4-day-old baby and 2-year-old child.

An arrest affidavit for Justin Rey, a 35-year-old homeless man, was released Tuesday. He's jailed on \$1 million bond in Johnson County, Kansas, on two counts each of aggravated child endangerment and contributing to a child's misconduct or deprivation.

He's not charged in the death of his wife, whom family identified as Jessica Monteiro Rey. The dismembered remains were discovered Oct. 24 inside a cooler and tote at a U-Haul Moving and Storage facility in Lenexa. Officers had been called to check on the welfare of two small children staying in a unit that was emitting a foul odor.

In the affidavit that responding officers spoke to a man who was pushing a stroller and had given Rey and his children a ride to the storage unit after finding them waiting for a bus near a Kansas City, Mo., bar. Rey is homeless, and the man had seen people giving Rey money. Rey told U-Haul

employees that he had stayed in the unit overnight and told the man that he and his children were planning to do so again, the affidavit says.

Emergency responders checked on the children, who were later taken to a hospital. The affidavit says the baby wasn't wearing adequate clothing and had an eye infection.

After Rey was arrested and put in a police vehicle, he was asked about his wife's whereabouts. He responded that she had died several days earlier and was in the cooler and one of the totes, which he was trying to remove from the storage unit, the affidavit wrote. The affidavit doesn't say how she died, although a Jackson County, Mo., search warrant says Rey told authorities that his wife had killed herself after giving birth.

According to the warrant, Rey, his pregnant wife and a 2-year-old child checked into a Kansas City, Mo., hotel in September. The warrant says Rey called the front desk, disguised his voice as a woman's and checked out on Oct. 23, according to hotel management. The warrant says surveillance video footage shows him pulling a red cooler with a black bag on top through the hotel, while pushing a stroller with a toddler walking beside him.

## Officials to pay \$3M after body searches of Ga. students

The Washington Post

In April, law enforcement from Georgia's Worth County descended on a high school and, without a warrant, conducted body searches on an estimated 900 students, touching some students' genitals and breasts. They said they were searching for drugs. They found none.

A class-action federal lawsuit soon followed, and the sheriff and two deputies were indicted in October for the raid on Worth High School in Sylveste, which is about 170 miles south of Atlanta.

On Tuesday, a legal advocacy group, the Southern Center for Human Rights, said a proposed \$3 million settlement had been reached in the lawsuit, pending a judge's approval.

Earlier this week, Gov. Nathan Deal suspended Sheriff Jeff Hobby by executive order pending the outcome of his legal case or until the expiration of his term of office, whichever comes first. Hobby faces charges of sexual battery, false imprisonment, and violation of oath of office, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Hobby's attorney, Norman Crowe Jr., told the newspaper last month that the sheriff was at the raid but did not conduct body searches. "The sheriff's position is that he's not guilty," Crowe said. "He's committed no crime."

The Southern Center for Human Rights filed the federal lawsuit in June against Hobby and his deputies on behalf of nine students. The suit said that on April 14, deputies placed the school on lockdown for four hours and students were directed to remain in "specified areas without any explanation" as to what

was happening. Their cellphones were also seized, so they were unable to call their parents.

Dozens of deputies conducted "pat down" searches, with some deputies touching students' private parts, the lawsuit said. "Defendants' searches of students were intrusive, performed in an aggressive manner, and done in full view of other students," the lawsuit said. It cited multiple examples, including claims that "deputies touched and manipulated students' breasts and genitals."

Tommy Coleman, a lawyer for

the school district, said in June that the students' account of the search was accurate, as The Washington Post reported. The sheriff's office also said in a news release after the search that "one of the deputies" had conducted a pat down of some students "that was more intrusive than instructed by the Sheriff."

At the end of October, the governor appointed a review committee to evaluate the administration of the sheriff's department since Hobby's indictment. The committee unanimously recommended that he be suspended.

## WORLD

# 'Bloodless correction' looks like military coup in Zimbabwe

By FARAI MUTSAKA

Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe's army said Wednesday it has President Robert Mugabe and his wife in custody and was securing government offices and patrolling the capital's streets following a night of unrest that included a military takeover of the state broadcaster.

The night's action triggered speculation of a coup, but the military's supporters praised it as a "bloodless correction." South Africa's president said he spoke with Mugabe, who was "fine" but confined to his home.

For the first time, this southern African nation is seeing the military oppose Mugabe, 93, the world's oldest head of state and one of the longest-serving authoritarian rulers. Mugabe has been in power since Zimbabwe's independence from white minority rule in

1980.

The whiplash developments followed Mugabe's firing of his deputy, which had appeared to position the first lady, Grace Mugabe, to replace Emmerson Mnangagwa as one of the country's two vice presidents at a party conference next month. But the first lady has proved unpopular among some Zimbabweans, and Mnangagwa had significant support from the military.

It was not clear Wednesday where Mnangagwa was though he fled the country last week, citing threats to him and his family.

Armed soldiers in armored personnel carriers stationed themselves at key points in Harare, while Zimbabweans formed long lines at banks to draw the limited cash available, a routine chore in the country's ongoing financial crisis. People looked at their phones to read about the army takeover, and others went to work

or to shops.

In an address to the nation after taking control of the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corp., Maj. Gen. Sibiso Moyo said early Wednesday the military is targeting "criminals" around Mugabe, and sought to reassure the country that order will be restored.

Mugabe and his wife appeared to be in the custody of the military. "Their security is guaranteed," Moyo said.

"We wish to make it abundantly clear that this is not a military takeover," he said. "We are only targeting criminals around (Mugabe) who are committing crimes that are causing social and economic suffering in the country in order to bring them to justice."

Moyo added "as soon as we have accomplished our mission, we expect that the situation will return to normalcy." The army spokesman called on churches to pray for the nation. He urged other se-



AP

An armed soldier patrols a street Wednesday in Harare, Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe's army said it has President Robert Mugabe and his wife in custody and is securing government offices.

curity forces to "cooperate for the good of our country," warning that "any provocation will be met with an appropriate response."

All troops were ordered to return to barracks immediately, with all leave canceled, said Moyo. The broadcast was sent out from the ZBC headquarters in Pocket's Hill near Harare's Borrowdale suburb.

South African President Jacob Zuma said he was sending his ministers of defense and state security to Zimbabwe to meet with

Mugabe and the military there. He said he hopes Zimbabwe's army will respect the constitution and that the situation "is going to be controlled."

The military actions appear to put Zimbabwe's army in control. Army commander Constantino Chiwenga had threatened on Monday to "step in" to calm political tensions. Mugabe's ruling ZANU-PF party responded by accusing the general of "treasonable conduct."

## Storms cause flooding in Greece

By ELENA BECATORIS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Flash floods turned roads into raging torrents of mud and debris outside Greece's capital Wednesday, killing at least 14 people, inundating homes and businesses and knocking out a section of a major highway.

There were fears the death toll could rise more as rescue crews searched flooded homes and streets on the western outskirts of Athens.

The flooding came after a severe overnight storm brought driving rain to the area.

Roads turned into muddy rivers that carried away vehicles, tossing them into piles on roadsides and against fences and buildings. Several walls from yards and low buildings collapsed, filling the streets with rubble.

Twelve of the people killed — four women and eight men — were found in or near Mandra, a small town on Athens' fringes that was hardest-hit by the flood.

The coast guard recovered the bodies of two more men believed to have been swept out to sea by the flood.

As the floodwaters charged toward the sea, they carried debris that sank fishing boats in a small harbor.

Several people were being treated in a hospital for various



PETROS GIANNAKOPOULOS/AP

People are reflected in the front window of a flooded bus as water engulfs an interchange of a highway in Elefsina, western Athens, on Wednesday. Flash floods in the Greek capital's western outskirts Wednesday killed at least 14 people and inundated homes and businesses.

injuries, including hypothermia.

The fire department said it had received more than 600 calls for help pumping water out of buildings and rescuing people trapped in vehicles and homes. It said it had deployed 155 firefighters with 53 vehicles.

A section of the highway between Athens and Corinth was completely knocked out. Cars, trucks and buses were trapped in an inundated underpass.

Judicial authorities ordered an immediate investigation into the

deaths and material damage.

Investigators would be looking into whether factors such as shoddy or illegal construction might have contributed to the severity of the flooding.

Local authorities shut schools in the areas of Mandra, Nea Peramos and Megara, while the fire department appealed to the public to avoid the area unless absolutely necessary in an effort to reduce traffic.

More hazardous weather was predicted for large swaths of

Greece later Wednesday and in coming days, with storms predicted for western Greece and for parts of the Greek capital.

The deaths on the edges of the Greek capital came a day after authorities declared a state of emergency on the small Aegean Sea island of Syros due to torrential rainfall there that flooded homes and shops, swept vehicles into the sea and cut power after the local power station was flooded.

## France mulls 13 as age of sexual consent

Associated Press

PARIS — Is a 13-year-old old enough to agree to sex with an adult? That's a question France is asking as the government prepares to set a legal age for sexual consent for the first time.

Twice in recent weeks, French courts have refused to prosecute men for rape after they had sex with 11-year-old girls because authorities couldn't prove coercion. Amid the public disbelief over the situation, the French government is drafting a bill to say that sex with children under a certain age is by definition coercive.

Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet provoked consternation among feminist groups Monday by saying a legal minimum age of 13 for sexual consent "is worth considering."

Activists staged a small protest Tuesday in central Paris to argue that the age of consent should be set at 15. Protesters waved placards that read "for him impunity, for her a life sentence" in reference to the recent cases.

Establishing a legal age of consent is one piece of a pending bill to address sexual violence and harassment in France. The subject of sexual misconduct has drawn fresh attention worldwide since rape and sexual assault allegations were made against Hollywood film producer Harvey Weinstein.

French women have increasingly been speaking out online and to police in recent weeks about past abuse, but no high-profile men in France have lost their jobs or suffered reputational damage so far.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman, 82, rescued from sinking vehicle

**FL** PLANT CITY — Two deputies rescued an elderly Florida woman from a sinking car that had landed in a pond.

News outlets reported that Hillsborough County sheriff's deputies Benjamin Thompson and Trent Migues responded to the scene Saturday evening and pulled Leona Evans, 82, from her SUV. The Florida Highway Patrol said Evans had veered off the road, hit a traffic marker, flown across an embankment through a fence and landed in the pond.

The deputies spoke with witnesses who were trying to help Evans, and Thompson jumped into the water and smashed a car window with his baton. The car went under, but Migues and bystanders were able to pull Thompson and Evans out of the water.

Evans was hospitalized with serious injuries. Thompson sustained minor cuts.

## Man gets his 11th DWI hours after jail release

**NM** SANTA FE — A New Mexico man is facing his 11th drunken-driving charge after police said he led them in a high-speed chase — 10 hours after his release from jail on another DWI conviction.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported that police said Henry Gonzales, 43, led officers on a chase that reached 75 mph on city streets in the early morning hours of Nov. 4. Police said officers had to use a stun gun during the arrest. According to a criminal complaint, there was an open bottle of Crown Royal on the passenger seat of Gonzales' car.

Gonzales last was convicted of DWI for an incident in May 2016. In that case, records show, he also led city police on a high-speed chase.

## Car hits musher's dogs, then flees the scene

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Six-time Iditarod finisher Wade Marrs said one of his dogs suffered a broken leg after a car hit his team and then drove away.

KUUU-TV reported that rookie Iditarod musher Andrew Nolan was running Marrs' team on Friday when an oncoming vehicle hit the dogs. Marrs said his 2-year-old lead dog, Sockeye, was taken to an emergency clinic by passers-by while Nolan drove the rest of the team home.

Marrs said Sockeye's X-rays show she suffered an oblique displaced fracture, which usually can be surgically repaired. He said Sockeye will be out for the rest of the season but might be able to return next year.

## Students quizzed on 'boy toys,' 'trippy wives'

**VA** HOPEWELL — Middle school students in a Virginia home-economics class were mistakenly given a worksheet that quizzed them on what an extramarital affair is as well as

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The approximate number of books donated to the Davenport Public Library in eastern Iowa by a single donor. The Quad-City Times reported that the library's nonprofit fundraising organization plans to sell the books at a special event on Friday and Saturday. The collection includes classical literature, coffee-table books and volumes about nature. Sale organizers say the books are of such good quality that many will be priced higher than usual. The most expensive offering will be a 16-volume set titled "Birds of the World," which will be priced at \$2,000. A book of drawings by painter John James Audubon will be marked at \$180. The books belonged to John A. Marshall, 78, of Davenport, who died Sept. 30.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

## Springboard skier

Thomas Theobald of The Skyriders an acrobatic trampoline group, performs while wearing skis during a halftime show at an NCAA college basketball game Monday between Vanderbilt University and Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

"boy toy" and "trophy wife." WTVR reported Monday that the teacher at the school outside Richmond, Va., had downloaded the worksheet from the internet.

The superintendent for Hopewell city schools said it was never part of the curriculum.

Parents at Carter G. Woodson Middle School were angry. The "Family Quiz" worksheet was as-

signed Friday in a Family & Consumer Sciences class.

It began with questions such as, "What do you call the father of your father?"

But questions also asked: "What do you call it when a married person has a relationship with someone else?" and "What do you call the much younger boyfriend of an older woman?"

woman apparently didn't like the man's singing and struck him at her home Saturday afternoon. The victim and a friend left and called police.

KSFY-TV said his injuries weren't serious. Authorities said drugs or alcohol were not involved.

## Police in fatal shooting called 'trigger happy'

**RI** PROVIDENCE — The brother of a man shot dead by police on a busy stretch of Interstate 95 said the officers were "trigger happy" and "screwed up" when they shot him.

Lucas Tiberio told The Providence Journal that he thinks his older brother, Joseph Santos, 32, was scared after turning a corner in his life.

Santos was driving a white pickup truck Tuesday when he led police on a high-speed chase through Providence. At the time, police were looking for another man who had stolen a state police cruiser, and they had a report that the man was seen getting into the bed of a white pickup.

## Trial begins in case of beating death over beer

**PA** PITTSBURGH — A nonjury homicide trial has begun in the case of a western Pennsylvania man accused of having beaten his roommate to death a year ago for stealing some beer.

Justin Vankirk, 35, is on trial before an Allegheny County judge in the November 2016 death of Charles Parker, 58.

Police said the Brentwood resident told investigators that he confronted his roommate about stolen beer and fought with him, then left him lying on the floor and went to bed.

He said he returned home the next afternoon and found Parker not breathing. Police said they also found a picture of the beaten victim on Vankirk's cellphone.

## 10th person at sheriff's office arrested this year

**FL** JACKSONVILLE — Authorities said a veteran Jacksonville Sheriff's Office deputy has been charged in a domestic violence case, the 10th sheriff's office employee to be arrested this year.

The Florida Times-Union reported that patrol officer Lenell Boyer, 51, was charged with domestic battery after allegedly biting his wife on her wrist and fingers. Officers said Boyer has been reassigned to a desk job.

Boyer's arrest comes just weeks after the sheriff's office wrapped up its Domestic Violence Awareness Month campaign.

From wire reports

## Aggravated assault charge in fry pan attack

**SD** SIOUX FALLS — A Sioux Falls woman is facing an aggravated assault charge after police said she hit a man in the head with a frying pan.

Police say the 49-year-old

## FACES

# Julia Roberts: 'Wonder' shows power of kindness

BY JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

**“W**onder” could have been designed as an antidote to the headlines. It’s a thoroughly positive movie about the importance of kindness.

Based on R.J. Palacio’s best-selling children’s novel, the movie follows Auggie Pullman, a boy with a craniofacial deformity, as he takes his first anxious steps into an intimidating world. In the hands of director Stephen Chbosky, this story about embracing difference wants to comfort rather than disturb.

Julia Roberts, who plays Auggie’s mother Isabel, said that in a world full of bad news, the film’s positivity feels like a radical statement. She told The Associated Press that “some sweet little offering like this is kind of a handful of revolutionaries.”

“Wonder” opens Friday in the U.S. and some installation theaters.

Julia Roberts, in London this month, stars in the movie “Wonder.” Roberts said that in a world full of bad news, the film’s positivity feels like a radical statement.

WIANEY LE CAER, INVISION/AP



## Plummer calls his replacement of Spacey in film ‘ironic’

Associated Press

Christopher Plummer says he doesn’t feel like he’s replacing Kevin Spacey in the upcoming Ridley Scott film “All the Money in the World” because he was up for the part when the movie was being cast.

Plummer spoke briefly about the film Tuesday at a Charles Dickens exhibit at New York’s Pierpont Morgan Library.

Spacey got the role of billionaire J. Paul Getty but after a series of sexual misconduct allegations surfaced, the “House of Cards” star was ousted.

Spacey’s scenes were already shot, and with Oscar buzz already surrounding the film, it had to keep its Dec. 22 release date to remain in contention.

Reshoots with Plummer begin next week. He says he doesn’t feel that he’s filling in for Spacey.

“No. Not at all because we were both up for the part—the same part—months ago, so in a funny, ironic way it’s coming back to me.”

### Study: Women and minority TV directors make modest gains

Women and minority television directors made modest gains last season, but the majority of television episodes are still directed by white men, the Directors Guild of America found in a study released Tuesday.

The guild’s study states that 62 percent of nearly 4,500 television episodes reviewed during the 2016-2017 season were directed by white men. When adding in white female

directors, 78 percent of the TV episodes reviewed were helmed by white directors.

Non-white directors accounted for 22 percent of all episodes directed last year, with black directors accounting for 13 percent. Asian-American accounted for 5 percent of the episodes directed, while Latinos represented 4 percent.

The numbers reflect low single-digit increases for female and minority directors: White women directed 16 percent of episodes in 2016-2017 compared with 14 percent, and minority females directed 5 percent of episodes, up from 3 percent in 2015-2016.

### McGowan plans not guilty plea on Virginia drug charge

Actress Rose McGowan says she’ll plead not guilty when she’s arraigned Thursday on a drug charge outside Washington.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority says McGowan surrendered to Airports Authority Police on a controlled substance. The felony charge stems from what prosecutors say was cocaine found among McGowan’s personal belongings left behind on a Jan. 20 flight to Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia.

McGowan is one of the actresses who has said movie mogul Harvey Weinstein forced her into unwanted sex, something Weinstein has denied. McGowan told The New Yorker that she didn’t respond to the warrant for months out of fear that she was being followed by people hired by Weinstein.

### Erdrich, Gaiman among authors of book supporting ACLU

Louise Erdrich, Neil Gaiman and Mary Higgins Clark are among more than 35 authors contributing original stories for a collection supporting the American Civil Liberties Union.

Touchstone told The Associated Press on Wednesday that “It Occurs to Me That I Am America: New Stories and Art” will be published Jan. 16, and also will feature illustrations from Roz Chast and Art Spiegelman, among others. According to Touchstone, a Simon & Schuster imprint, “It Occurs to Me” will celebrate the ideals of a “free, just, and compassionate democracy.”

ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero said he hoped the book would be “both a powerful tool in the fight to uphold our values and a tribute to the remarkable voices behind it.”

### Other news

■ Musician and actress Eve has been unveiled as a permanent host of “The Talk.”

■ A lawyer for Meek Mill is asking a Philadelphia judge to recuse herself before he appeals the rapper’s sentence of two to four years in prison. Common Pleas Judge Genecia Brinkley sentenced Mill last week for violating probation in a nearly decade-old gun and drug case. On Tuesday, his lawyers asked Brinkley to step down, saying she stepped out of her judicial bounds numerous times.

## People names Shelton sexiest man alive

People magazine named Blake Shelton its Sexiest Man Alive for 2017 on Tuesday, but it took some convincing by his girlfriend Gwen Stefani to get her guy on board.

The country music superstar and coach on NBC’s “The Voice” hates being the center of attention, the magazine said.

“She goes, ‘Listen to me,’” recalled the 6-foot-5, Oklahoma-bred Shelton. “You’re going to regret this for the rest of your life if you don’t take this gift and just live in the moment. I’ve been ugly my whole life. If I can be sexy for a year, I’m taking it!”

Bonus for the outspoken Shelton: He can hold the accolade over the head of Adam Levine, his fellow coach on the singing competition and 2013’s Sexiest Man Alive. Shelton used some colorful language to describe that experience between his pal and banter partner on air.

Shelton said he was, in fact, proud and honored to have been picked, adding: “I’m not going to treat this like Hugh Jackman or one of those guys who’s humble about it. People are going to hate me over this. Because it’s going to be used in every conversation, whether it’s at ‘The Voice’ or at the feed store in Tishomingo, Okla., or in a conversation with a doctor. Until I have to hand the title, which is what it is to me, over to someone else, this is mine. This is like a certification.”

Shelton’s latest album, “Texoma Shore,” hit No. 1 on the Billboard Top Country Albums this week.

The magazine’s Sexiest Man Alive special double issue hits newsstands Friday.

Growing up, Shelton told People, he had some awkward years.

“I think to describe myself as a child, one word comes to mind. And that’s fat,” he said. “People say I haven’t changed since before I made it. And I’m still fat today. That’s true!”

The magazine named the Pearson men of NBC’s “This Is Us” as sexiest cast: Sterling K. Brown, who plays Randall; Milo Ventimiglia, who plays Jack; and Justin Hartley, who plays Kevin. Their reveal went to NBC’s “Today” show.

“I think being sexy is just being comfortable in your skin, and these two cats are very comfortable in their skin,” Brown said at a photo shoot of his co-stars.

Ventimiglia said he believes humor, confidence and kindness are key, Oh, and “stubble.”

Hartley agreed: “Stubble and forgiveness, that’s my mantra.”

The trio will be featured inside the special issue.



Blake Shelton

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Consumer group unveils annual 'worst toys' list

Fidget spinners, Wonder Woman sword among top 10

Associated Press

BOSTON — Fidget spinners, a plastic Wonder Woman battle sword and a remote-controlled Spider-Man drone are among the toys topping a consumer safety group's annual list of worst toys for the holidays.

World Against Toys Causing Harm, or WATCH, unveiled the top 10 list Tuesday at a Boston children's hospital. The nonprofit organization has been releasing the lists for more than four decades.

WATCH claims fidget spinners contain small parts that can be a choking hazard, Mattel's Wonder Woman sword has the potential to cause blunt-force injuries, and Marvel's Spider-Man drone has multiple rotating blades that can lead to eye and other bodily injuries.

The Toy Association, an industry trade group, dismissed the list as "needlessly frightening" to parents because all toys sold in the U.S. meet "rigorous" safety standards. It also criticized the organization for not testing the toys it focuses on.

National toy safety standards



The Wonder Woman battle sword is among the items on WATCH's list of worst toys.

are "inadequate," as can be seen by the high number of recalls each year, WATCH President Joan Siff said.

The nonprofit said there have been at least 15 recalls representing nearly 2 million units of dangerous toys since December.

Siff stressed the toys named each year have common hazards that the group sees year after year. She pointed to the "Pull



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James Swartz, director of World Against Toys Causing Harm, displays Nerf's "Zombie Strike" crossover during a news conference Tuesday in Boston, where the child safety group released its annual holiday list of the 10 most hazardous toys.

Along Pony" by Tolo Toys that's marketed for children over age 1 but has a 19-inch cord.

"We don't need a testing lab to know that's a strangulation and entanglement hazard," she said.

With consumers increasingly doing their holiday shopping online, it's more important than ever to have the most current information about the safety of a toy online, Siff said.

For example, Hallmark's Disney-themed "Itty Bittys" plush stacking toy for babies was recalled over the summer due to fabric pieces that posed a choking hazard. But the toy still is readily available online because many web sales are rarely monitored for recalls, Siff noted.

Among the other toys that made this year's list is Nerf's "Zombie Strike" crossover, which the organization says poses the risk of eye and face injuries because it uses a pressurized, pull back lever to

shoot soft projectiles.

Razor's "Heel Wheels" are strapped onto children's shoes to turn them into improvised roller skates but pose a burn risk because they include "real sparking action."

And "Slackline" is a tightrope-like device by Brand 44 meant to be anchored between two trees that WATCH says can lead to severe injury and death.



A remote-controlled Spider-Man drone is displayed Tuesday during WATCH's release of its list of unsafe toys.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 16)	\$1.2145
Dollar buys (Nov. 16)	69.8234
British pound (Nov. 16)	\$1.35
Japanese yen (Nov. 16)	111.00
South Korean won (Nov. 16)	1,087.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3780
British pound	\$1.3160
Canada (Dollar)	1.2782
China (Yuan)	6.6190
Denmark (Krone)	6.2985
Egypt (Pound)	17.6602
Euro	\$1.1816/0.8463
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8067
Hungary (Forint)	264.47
Israel (Shekel)	3.5336
Japan (Yen)	112.73
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3023
Norway (Krone)	8.2207
Philippines (Peso)	50.81
Poland (Zloty)	3.50
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7507
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3552
South Korea (Won)	1,084.44
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9865
Thailand (Baht)	33.91
Turkey (New Lira)	3.8864

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For purchasing British pounds in Germany, which with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### MARKET WATCH

Nov. 14, 2017

Dow Jones Industrials	-30.23
	23,409.47
Nasdaq composite	-19.73
	6,737.87
Standard & Poor's 500	-5.97
	2,578.87
Russell 2000	-3.82
	1,471.25

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.00
Discount rate	1.75
Federal funds market rate	1.16
3-month bill	1.23
30-year bond	2.83

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# OPINION

## You can get a good job without a B.A.

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“To get a good job you must have a bachelor’s degree.” This is a common myth that needs to be debunked. For years, Americans have been told that, with the decline in manufacturing, the blue-collar job that required a high school degree or less was going to go.

The truth is that not all good jobs for people with less than a bachelor’s degree have been eliminated. Far from it. There are 30 million jobs in the U.S. that pay good wages without a B.A. The median salary is \$55,000 with an opportunity to move up the career ladder.

But it’s important to understand that today’s good jobs are different from those of the past. Job-seekers without a B.A. in 2017 need to search beyond traditional blue-collar sectors and look to skilled-services industries. Nationally, a gain of 4 million jobs in financial services, health services, information technology and other skilled-services industries has more than offset the 2.5 million well-paying jobs lost in manufacturing since 1991.

There is a catch: To secure these roles, workers need to get some education or training beyond their high school diploma. Much of the growth in good jobs that pay without a B.A. (including in manufacturing) has benefited workers with associate degrees or some college education — 4.1 million since 1991.

These jobs are not isolated to just a few communities. Twenty-three states have increased good jobs that pay without a B.A. in blue-collar industries, including Utah where these jobs have more than doubled. Jobs in skilled services have also increased in nearly every state, more than doubling in Arizona, Idaho and Montana since 1991.

We’re not saying that B.A.s are overvalued — the degree is still one of the surest

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ways to gain a competitive edge in the job market and earn middle-class wages. But we cannot expect every student to attend a four-year college and get a B.A. before they start working.

College debt is at an all-time high, and students are questioning the return on their investment. Many young people will work full time for years before getting a B.A.; others will never complete a four-year degree. Those without a bachelor’s degree shouldn’t be consigned to a lifetime of minimum-wage jobs or miss out on a chance to be a part of the middle class.

There’s an added concern: Not everyone has equal access to the jobs we’re talking about. White workers have the largest share of good jobs that pay without a B.A., but the number is declining. Latino workers have a smaller share, but have seen the most growth, and black workers have the smallest share, with only slight growth. Men hold the largest share of these good jobs, 70 percent, a proportion that has been consistent for 25 years. Women, lamentably, have not gained ground in the non-B.A. job market.

We can do better.

The best way to promote Americans’ access to good jobs at the wage and career level is through policies that strengthen the connections between school and work. Policymakers should ensure that students are being exposed to career possibilities as early as middle school, and that high school students have greater access to career and technical education, work-based learning programs such as internships and youth apprenticeships, and effective

career counseling that helps them get on pathways to good careers.

Across the country, we see states and cities developing innovative new approaches to prepare students for careers in in-demand fields. Colorado has started paid apprenticeships for high school students to gain real-world experience in growing sectors such as advanced manufacturing and technology. New Orleans is developing paid internship opportunities aligned with credentials that have value in the labor market. And 34 states have said they will consider some measure of career readiness in how they hold schools and districts accountable under the Every Student Succeeds Act, the new federal K-12 law.

In postsecondary education and training, leaders should use three strategies to promote the labor market value of such programs. First, they should ensure the transparency of non-B.A. college programs’ economic value by investing in consumer information tools — students should know what college will be worth. Second, governments should encourage the use of outcome-based funding models, such as the Department of Education’s gainful employment rule, so that programs are awarded public and private funding based on how their graduates are doing in the workplace. Finally, policymakers, educators and employers need to better align skills training with the needs of hiring companies. Tax incentives — such as the tax credits for employer-provided training used by Kentucky, Virginia and several other states — have helped to improve collaboration.

A college degree will always be an important path to work. But it’s not the only path, or even the best one. The more schools, businesses and governments do to make that clear, the better off we’ll be.

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## Trump at summit in Vietnam a high point of trip

By ARTHUR I. CYR  
Special to Stars and Stripes

President Donald Trump’s extensive tour of East Asia has historic importance. The busy schedule included stops in China, Japan, the Philippines, South Korea and Vietnam.

Most press attention has focused on the two largest economic powers in the vast region — China and Japan. However, arguably the most significant stop in tangible as well as symbolic terms was Vietnam.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit has just concluded in Danang, Vietnam. The traditional spelling of this third-largest city in the nation is Da Nang, just as the traditional spelling of Vietnam is Viet Nam.

Americans do not like empty spaces. We turn unused real estate into productive enterprises. Getting rid of those blank areas between words speeds up pronunciation and, after all, time is money. The fast-moving, fast-talking technocrats who dominated military policy during the Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson administrations brought precisely that perspective to U.S. foreign policy during the Vietnam War.

Unfortunately, quantitative measures featuring dead bodies, enemy weapons and weight of documents captured were not reliable indicators of progress. Given the enormous scale of American firepower, increasing totals especially of bodies meant mainly that the enemy was becoming more

numerous.

Where quantitative measures are central is in the tough and quite tangible world of commerce, trade and investment. APEC is emerging as perhaps the most important intergovernmental network in East Asia to promote those activities.

President George H.W. Bush and Secretary of State James Baker deserve great credit for making APEC a firm reality. Australia Prime Minister Bob Hawke conceived the organization.

Australia in the decades has moved in the direction of free markets, and a much more explicit national commitment to tolerance, directly reflected in official policy toward indigenous populations. The Obama administration’s decision to station a U.S. Marine contingent in Australia underscores the strong bilateral ties between the two nations, dating back to World War II.

Vietnam hosted the 2006 APEC summit. That gathering provided a useful opportunity to highlight that nation’s economic growth and the wider commitment to multilateralism.

The nation for understandable reasons was long a special case. For years after Hanoi’s military victory in 1975, the newly unified nation was unable to turn the corner from political revolution to economic development. Vietnam did not join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations until 1995, nearly three decades after

the creation of the regional development organization.

Recent years have witnessed escalation of maritime conflicts across the Pacific. For example, in April 2014 China authorities impounded the Baosteel Emotion, a freighter of Japan’s Mitsui O.S.K. Lines. The move was part of commercial claims resulting from World War II. The two nations also both claim the Senkaku Islands.

China and Vietnam share traditional enmities, a reality masked by their ideological alliance as Communist partners during the long Vietnam War. Maritime conflicts and occasional violent clashes between those nations continue.

There are military security aspects to APEC summits, though the focus is economic. In the 2008 summit held in Peru, Americans and Russians discussed differences over Moscow’s invasion of Georgia, and missile developments in Europe and Korea. In 2006, Hanoi honored Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and our government with a martial parade, complete with American flags — an ironic and quite poignant gesture.

French journalist Bernard Fall provides brilliant insight regarding Vietnam. He was reflective, unhurried and never taken in by any side in the wars that shaped that nation.

Read his book “The Two Viet Nams.”

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## OPINION

## What to my wondering ears did Mitch say?

By KATHLEEN PARKER  
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WASHINGTON  
Without nearly enough fanfare, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made history this week with a scant four words: "I believe the women."

All across America, forks dropped, glasses shattered and knees wobbled as women turned to each other in astonishment. *Wait. What? Did he say what I think he said?*

Suddenly, McConnell, whose characteristic solemnity inspires envy in statuses, suddenly became irresistibly magnetic. Admit it: You wanted to hug him.

The Senate leader was responding to a reporter's question about the alleged sexual misconduct of Roy Moore, the erstwhile "Ten Commandments" judge and aspiring U.S. senator from Alabama. Moore, as you surely know, has been accused of sexual misconduct by five women who claim that he groped, attempted to rape or otherwise made overtures when they were teens and he was in his 30s in the 1970s.

McConnell — who fought Moore's candidacy even before the accusations — has now, in several other Republican circles, been urging Moore to step aside before Alabama's Dec. 12 special election, saying he is unfit to serve. Anyone who knows Moore will tell you that he won't quit, while skepticism produced her 1977 high school yearbook featuring an inscription by Moore. Apparently smitten by his inner muse, he wrote: "To a sweeter, more beautiful girl, I could not say Merry Christmas." Could you maybe have said, "Congratulations and best of luck in the future?"

## McConnell's stand surely will make a difference for other women who fear they will not be believed.

tics and loyalists shrug at the charges, saying they're "politically motivated." Shocking. As Bill Clinton can attest, ugly things tend to surface when people aspire to high places. Sadly, they're often also true things, though it seems these days that one's moral compass follows the needle of political affiliation.

This is why McConnell's words were so stunning. Rather than try to ensure that Republicans keep the seat, he opted to do the right thing. It's a shame we have to be surprised when this happens, but rare is the politician who is also a statesman.

In fairness, one observes that the man Moore allegedly was in those days may not be the same man today. As a society, we tend to believe that people can change and be forgiven for past transgressions, especially if they've led exemplary lives in the interim. But forgiveness first requires that one confess and repent — and Moore has done neither.

His denial and steadfast refusal to step aside may be viewed in one of two ways. Either he's innocent, or he's confident that his supporters don't care if he is guilty. As

in: *That was a long time ago and that's not the Roy Moore we know.* Both scenarios could be true, though having lived in Alabama, I lean toward the latter scenario. In a state where Moore achieved hero status in some quarters for refusing a federal judge's order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from his court building — and where good of 'boys look out for each other — it's much easier to blame the media's "fake news" for Moore's troubles than to be bedeviled by women with their credentialed agendas.

Moore is threatening to sue The Washington Post, which broke the story after a monthlong investigation that included corroborating interviews with at least 30 people. On Monday, a fifth woman, Beverly Young Nelson, came forward with a detailed accusation of how Moore attempted to rape her in his car when she was 16. She claims Moore choked her and dumped her, crying, onto the pavement. He allegedly ordered her to keep quiet since no one would believe "just a child."

Moore refutes ever knowing Nelson, though this seems demonstrably false. Nel-

son produced her 1977 high school yearbook featuring an inscription by Moore. Apparently smitten by his inner muse, he wrote: "To a sweeter, more beautiful girl, I could not say Merry Christmas." Could you maybe have said, "Congratulations and best of luck in the future?"

Moore's pearls seem rather personal for someone unremembered. Then again, would be poets in the South, especially those who favor themselves "ladies' men," have been known to indulge in inflated flattery. Had Moore been elderly at the time, one might have thought him merely dotty — a harmless hybrid of Don Juan and Don Quixote, tilting at maidens in a trance of romantic chivalry.

But Moore wasn't elderly or dotty. And five women who didn't know each other have shared similarly sickening memories. The Post stands by its exhaustively researched story. And anyone with common sense stands next to McConnell, whose words must have fallen like musical notes on the ears of the silenced.

We'll never know with certainty what happened some 40 years ago. But in the future, McConnell's stand surely will make a difference for other women who fear they will not be believed in similar circumstances. In the meantime, here's an inscription for Moore's yearbook: I have two words for you, and they're not Merry Christmas.

# Christians: Our silence on Roy Moore isn't enough

By DAVID VON DREHLE  
The Washington Post

Any nitwit can call himself or herself a pastor in America and hang a sign outside a so-called church. That's a price we pay for religious freedom. And if the Rev. Wingnut or Pastor Loosescrew combines a flair for self-promotion with immunity to shame, a certain brand of fame can follow. I cringe to remember the hours of television and acres of newspaper given to the late and appalling Rev. Phelps, of the self-styled Westboro Baptist Church, who loaded his congregation of brainwashed and intimidated family members into vans and hauled them around the country, tormenting grief-stricken families.

But religious freedom does not require thoughtful Christians of goodwill to sit silently while charlatans, hustlers and theological bumptkins try to press the imprimatur of our faith on the sacrifice of accused child-molester Roy Moore.

This self-righteous popinjay, running as a Republican for the U.S. Senate, has inspired mostly silence from the respectable pulpits of Alabama. It seems we Christians are well practiced at averting our eyes from the lurid sideshows beneath our big tent: the willfully ignorant Young Earth creationists, the cartoonish faith healers, the tearful televangelists caught with a hand in the till or a prostitute on the side.

We tell ourselves this has nothing to do with us, that it's bad manners to speak too loudly about religion, that it is more than enough each imperfect day simply to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

But we have reached a point where silence is no longer enough. A growing number of Americans have no religious affiliation and only a passing interest at best. Unless they hear otherwise, they may draw the conclusion that flamboyant radicals such as Moore are the essence of our faith.



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Former Alabama chief justice and Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore shakes hands after he speaks at a church revival on Tuesday in Jackson, Ala.

Despite our imperfections — "our manifold sins and wickedness," to borrow from the Book of Common Prayer — we are better than that. We are a church for the likes of William Wilberforce and Martin Luther King Jr. A church for Michelangelo and J.S. Bach. A church for Anne Bradstreet, Flannery O'Connor and Annie Dillard. We are a church that builds great colleges and universities and hospitals. A church that ministers to gang members in East L.A., Ebola victims in West Africa and dying neighbors in places large and small around the world.

Mainstream Muslims have been hearing for years that they must repudiate the hateful fringe perverting their religion, surely the same applies to us Christians. Stirring up hatred for gays, liberals, Muslims and

other supposed infidels, Moore bears a familial resemblance — the nonviolent side of the family — to the jihadis of Islamic State. He brandishes a revolver instead of a broadsword, but he shares their delight in condemnation, division and (evidently) fantasies of virgins.

It's a travesty that Moore and his sanctimonious ilk have been allowed to hijack "conservative Christianity." I imagine William F. Buckley Jr. — that grinning apostle of joy — spinning in his grave. Buckley was an evangelist for an authentic Christian conservatism, a rich intellectual tradition traced by Russell Kirk in his 1953 masterpiece, "The Conservative Mind."

This tradition — which today finds such able defenders as Peter Wehner and Michael Gerson — prizes humility over

utopianism, natural law over social engineering, prudence over urgency, individual freedom over collective designs. It's not the only lens through which Christians can read the Gospel, but it is a thoroughly respectable one.

Compare that with the nitwitted of Jim Zeigler, state auditor of Alabama, who offered a scandalous exegesis in defense of Moore. According to Zeigler, the mail-skulking Moore, chatting up teens and signing their high school yearbooks well into his 30s, resembles Joseph at the manger in Bethlehem. The history of sinners frantically thumbing their Bibles for a friendly passage out of context is as old as sinners and Bibles — but that is about as low as it gets.

Moore's campaign has bragged of 50 pastors signing a letter of support. In Bible-belt Alabama, that's not a large number. Still, until voices are heard from the thousands of pulpits so far silent, that rump faction can claim to speak authoritatively. Surely Alabama Christians care more for Scripture than to let it be a fig leaf for Roy Moore's naked power trip.

I think of the Apostle Paul, the very model of evangelical Christianity, who was saved from his own Moore-like pharisaical hatreds by an encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus. He taught the young church in Corinth that the greatest Christian virtue is love, which "does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

What would Paul make of Moore's vanity and the rages of his aggrieved supporters? Millions of Christians, the silent majority you might say, have the answer in hearts moved by tenderness and mercy. Now we're called to bear witness.

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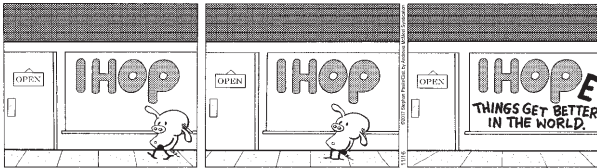
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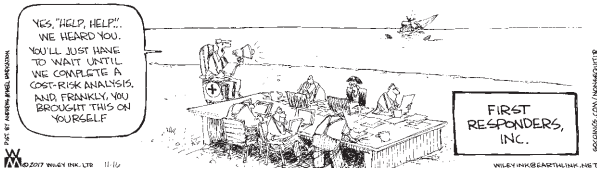
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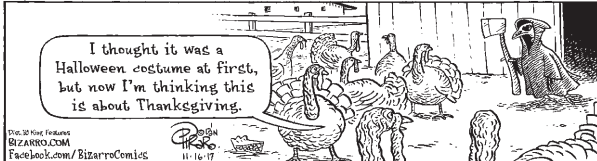
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# NBA

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	13	2	.867	0	
Toronto	8	5	.615	4	
New York	6	6	.538	5	
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	5	
Brooklyn	7	7	.500	7½	
Southeast Division					
Washington	8	5	.615		
Orlando	8	6	.571	½	
Miami	6	7	.462	2	
Charlotte	7	7	.500		
Atlanta	2	12	.143	6½	
Central Division					
Detroit	10	3	.769	0	
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	3	
Indiana	7	7	.500	3½	
Chicago	6	8	.429	4½	
Chicago	5	9	.382	7	

Western Conference					
Southwest Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	11	4	.733	1½	
San Antonio	10	5	.667	2	
New Orleans	8	6	.571	2½	
Memphis	5	9	.357	5	
Dallas	7	13	.333	9	
Northwest Division					
Minnesota	8	6	.565	—	
Denver	7	6	.538	½	
Portland	7	6	.538	½	
Oklahoma City	6	7	.462	2	
Utah	5	8	.382	2½	
Pacific Division					
Golden State	11	3	.786	—	
Lakers	8	6	.565	—	
L.A. Clippers	8	6	.565	—	
Phoenix	10	3	.769	—	
Sacramento	10	3	.769	—	

Tuesday's games					
Boston 109, Toronto 102					
Sacramento 129, Houston 113					
San Antonio 97, Dallas 91					
Wednesday's games					
Toronto at Atlanta					
Utah at New York					
Washington at Miami					
Chicago at Oklahoma City					
Indiana at Charlotte					
Detroit at Milwaukee					
Cleveland at Memphis					
San Antonio at Minnesota					
Toronto at New Orleans					
Orlando at Portland					
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers					
Thursday's games					
Golden State at Boston					
Houston at Phoenix					
Friday's games					
Detroit at Indiana					
Miami at Washington					
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland					
New York at Toronto					
Utah at Brooklyn					
Charlotte at Chicago					
Oklahoma City at San Antonio					
Minnesota at Dallas					
Portland at Sacramento					
New Orleans at Denver					
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers					

Tuesday					
Spurs 97, Mavericks 91					
SAN ANTONIO — Anderson 1-4 5-6 7, Aldridge 12-21 8-10 32, Gasol 1-5 0-0 2, Mills 7-13 1-2 19, Green 2-6 0-0 4, Gay 1-7 2-4, Bertans 0-1 0-0 0, Lavigne 0-0 0-0 0, Kleber 2-5 1-1 5, Meiri 1-1 2-3, Barea 6-11 1-1 16. Totals 33-51 15-19.					
DALLAS — Matthews 4-11 5-12, Barnes 5-16 6-6 16, Nowitzki 5-8 1-1 12, Smith Jr. 10-23 2-2 27, Ferrell 0-3 0-0 0, Noel 0-1 0-0 0, Murray 4-7 1-2 10, Forbes 2-5 0-1 4, Paul 1-3 0-2, Ginobili 4-7 4-4 13. Totals 35-79 21-27 97.					
SAN ANTONIO 17 17 28 35-97					
DALLAS 18 23 21 31-91					
Three-point goals—San Antonio 6-26 (Mills 4-9, Ginobili 1-2, Murray 1-2, Gay 0-1, Bertans 0-1, Aldridge 0-2, Paul 0-2, Gasol 0-2, Forbes 0-2, Green 0-3), Dallas 10-34 (Smith Jr. 5-11, Barea 3-6, Nowitzki 1-4, Matthews 1-5, Barnes 0-2, Kleber 0-2, Ferrell 0-0). Fouled Out—Matthews, Rebounds—San Antonio 47 (Gasol 10), Dallas 40 (Barnes 8). Assists—San Antonio 11 (Barnes 4), Dallas 15 (Nowitzki 6). Total Fouls—San Antonio 16, Dallas 23. Technicals—Aldridge, A.—15,35 (19,20).					

## Raptors 129, Rockets 113

TORONTO — Anunoby 6-11 2-16, Ibaka 2-5 0-2 5, Valanciunas 5-9 2-2 12, Lowry 4-12 9-10 19, DeRozan 7-16 13-16 27, McKinnie 0-0 0-0 0, Miles 1-2 1-19, Siakam 1-2 1-2 2, Powell 2-4 1-1 7, Nwoguera 0-0 0-0 0, VanVleet 2-6 2-2 8, Wright 5-5 4-5 14. Totals 41-79 33 42 129.

HOUSTON — Ariza 6-11 3-3 20, Anderson 3-8 1-2 9, Capela 5-7 1-2 11, Harden 8-25 19-38 38, Gordon 3-12 6-7 13, Tucker 0-1 0-0 0, Mbah a Moute 3-6 1-2 9, Black 5-8 4-13 23, Zhou 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, B.Brown 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 33-79 35-41 113.

Toronto 31 48 27 26-129  
Houston 33 31 30 19-113

Three-point goals—Toronto 14-30 (Miles 6-9, Anunoby 2-4, VanVleet 2-4, Lowry 2-7, Ibaka 1-2, Siakam 0-1, DeRozan 0-3), Houston 12-39 (Ariza 5-8, Harden 3-11, Mbah a Moute 2-4, Anderson 2-6, Tucker 0-1, Black 0-1, B.Brown 0-1, Gordon 0-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 37 (Valanciunas 7), Houston 48 (Capela 11). Assists—Toronto 28 (Lowry 10), Houston 21 (Harden 11). Total Fouls—Toronto 30, Houston 27. Technicals—Toronto coach Raptors (Defensive three second), Harden, Houston coach Rockets (Defensive three second), Capela, Tucker 2. Ejected—Tucker, A.—18,055 (18,055).

## Celtics 109, Nets 102

BOSTON — Tatum 6-9 5-6 19, Morris 8-12 3-21, Horford 8-10 0-0 17, Irving 8-20 7-24 26, Brown 5-9 3-14 14, Ojellewe 1-1 0-0 2, This 1-5 0-0 3, Baynes 0-2 0-0 0, Smart 3-8 4-6 9, Rozier 5-11 0-0 0, Larkin 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 22-27 109.

BROOKLYN — Carroll 3-11 2-2 9, Hollis-Jefferson 7-13 2-4 16, Booker 5-10 2-2 12, Dinwiddie 4-14 3-5 12, Crabbe 5-10 0-0 15, Ay 0-0 0-0 0, Mozgovy 1-1 0-0 2, Allen 1-2 0-0 2, Whitehead 0-4 0-0 0, LeVert 6-7 1-3 15, Harris 7-14 0-0 19. Totals 39-89 16-16 102.

Boston 30 22 28 29-109  
Brooklyn 21 31 31 31-102

Three-point goals—Boston 9-27 (Tatum 2-3, Morris 2-3, Irving 2-3, Horford 1-2, This 1-3, Brown 1-4, Baynes 0-2, Larkin 0-1, Rozier 0-2, Smart 0-3), Brooklyn 14-35 (Crabbe 5-8, Harris 5-11, LeVert 2-2, Carroll 1-5, Dinwiddie 1-6, Booker 0-1, Ay 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (Horford 11), Brooklyn 43 (Hollis-Jefferson 9). Assists—Boston 15 (Irving 5), Brooklyn 27 (Dinwiddie 11). Total Fouls—Boston 14, Brooklyn 24.



MICHAEL WYKE/AP

Raptors guard DeMar DeRozan, right, looks for a way around Rockets guard James Harden during the second half Tuesday.

## Roundup

# Masked Irving lifts Celtics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kyrie Irving really dislikes having to play in a mask.

On the other hand, he loves what comes next: Boston putting its 13-game winning streak on the line against the NBA champions.

It's definitely an incredible streak we're on, and now comes the whole media frenzy of will the streak end, and what's going to happen on Thursday and the Golden State Warriors coming to Boston," Irving said. "So I'm looking forward to all that hoopla."

Irving returned to the lineup and scored 25 points while wearing the mask, and the Celtics beat the Brooklyn Nets 109-102 on Tuesday night to remain unbeaten since an 0-2 start.

Marcus Morris added 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Jayson Tatum scored 19 points for the Celtics, who have the NBA's best record. Golden State is next at 11-3, and Boston got good preparation for the game against a persistent Brooklyn team.

"The way that they converted on us in transition after our mistakes tonight, you can't have that against Golden State. You just get blown out of the gym," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "We just have to play really solid on both ends and do what we do as well as we can and see where we stand."

Irving missed one game with a minor facial fracture after he was hit by teammate Aron Baynes on Friday. He fiddled with the mask frequently, but it didn't seem to affect his play much. He made a jumper with 340 left after the Nets had closed within four points and drove for another basket about 35 seconds later.

"Today, just finding his way and doing what he does, making big plays for us, coming through and sealing the game," said Celtics center Al Horford, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Boston then finally put it away with Jaylen Brown's alley-op feed to Tatum before Irving hit two free throws to make it 106-96.

Raptors 129, Rockets 113: DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

The Celtics' Kyrie Irving, left, drives to the basket during the second half against the Nets on Tuesday. Boston won 109-102.

and Toronto built a big lead in the first half and held on for a win over host Houston.

James Harden had 38 points for the Rockets, who ended a six-game winning streak.

Spurs 97, Mavericks 91: LaMarcus Aldridge scored a season-high 32 points in his hometown and San Antonio beat host Dallas.

Aldridge, a product of Dallas' Seagoville High School, scored eight points during a decisive stretch of the fourth quarter. Patty Mills added a season-high 19 points for the Spurs.

Rookie Dennis Smith Jr. scored



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a career-high 27 points to lead Dallas, which is 2-13 for the second straight season.

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## NFL



Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen, right, carries the ball past Washington Redskins free safety DeAngelo Hall during the first half of Sunday's game in Landover, Md.

# With Thielen leading way, Vikings' offense thriving

By Dave Campbell

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Case Keenum scrambled to his left out of the pocket to evade the pass rush before setting his feet to throw and setting his sights on Adam Thielen, aiming to add to Minnesota's healthy lead early in the third quarter at Washington.

The throw was right on target. Thielen, once again, was in just the right place.

With a 49-yard gain, beating cornerback Josh Norman and safety Deshaun Everett, Thielen was tackled at the 12-yard line to set up the fifth touchdown of the game for the Vikings (7-2) in their 38-30 victory on Sunday. Thielen finished with 166 yards on eight receptions.

"He continues to find ways to get open and make catches and make catches even when he's not open. There's been a few times where he's pretty well-covered and makes a catch. That type of guy I haven't really been around, ever," Keenum said.

"He plays all of the positions. He knows every position. He gets guys, he helps guys, and he knows where to go."

That's not all. Three plays later, Jarius Wright caught a screen pass on third-and-5 from the 7-yard line that took it into the end zone.

Center Pat Elflein, right guard Joe Berger and wide receiver Laquon Treadwell formed the wall in front, but Thielen's block on cornerback Kendall Fuller gave



MARK TENNER/AP

**Vikings coach Mike Zimmer declined Monday to name quarterback Case Keenum, above, the starter for Sunday's game against the Rams.**

Wright the lane he needed to score.

"Adam does everything," coach Mike Zimmer said.

With 793 receiving yards, Thielen is third in the NFL. He's tied for fifth with 56 interceptions.

"The guy is a gamer. When he gets the opportunities, he makes the most of them," Zimmer said.

Starting, of course, with the \$500 scholarship he was given in 2009 by Minnesota State University to play NCAA Division II football. Then came the rookie tryout camp in 2013 with the Vikings that he needed to latch on to the practice squad.

Then there was the opening on special teams that he used as

a pathway to the active roster.

Struggles last year by first-round draft pick Treadwell gave Thielen more space with which to break out.

"I never really think about stats and things like that," Thielen said. "As long as we win the game and I'm doing everything I can to help the team, that's really all that matters."

With Thielen and a healthy-

again Stefan Diggs doing the most damage downfield, the Vikings' offense is thriving, save for two interceptions that Keenum threw in the second half at Washington.

The propensity of offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur to spread the ball around and Keenum's ability to follow through on the plan, boosted in a big way by a more mobile and less leaky offensive line, has helped the Vikings put together one of the NFL's most productive units despite the loss of rookie running back Dalvin Cook to a season-ending knee injury in the fourth game.

"That makes it tough for a defensive player, because they've got to bring it on every play and they don't know where the ball's going to go," Thielen said. "And they can't really relax on anybody's most of them."

Zimmer on Monday again declined to declare Keenum the starter for the upcoming game against the Los Angeles Rams, but he said he has decided, which hints at the status quo despite the presence of Teddy Bridgewater as the backup.

"I've got a plan," Zimmer said, "and we'll just see how it goes."

## Weekly statistics

### AFC individual leaders

#### Week 10

##### Quarterbacks

Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NE	343	231	2807	19
A. Smith, KC	291	244	18	2
Roethlisberger, PIT	306	187	2298	12
Rivers, LAC	323	194	2263	15
McCown, LVJ	313	216	2242	8
Brissett, IND	294	179	2172	9
Dalton, CIN	271	168	2004	5
D. Carr, OAK	270	176	1954	13
Bortles, JAC	285	167	1930	11
Mariota, TEN	248	154	1783	7

##### Rushers

Att	Yds	Av	LG	TD
Bel, PIT	220	840	53	27
K. Hunt, KC	155	800	52	69
Fournette, JAC	147	629	43	80
McCoy, BUF	157	595	38	48
Gordon, LAC	147	553	38	47
L. Miller, HOU	140	543	39	21
C.J. Anderson, DEN	126	536	43	40
A. Collins, BAL	93	521	56	50
Gore, IND	144	509	35	21
Jay Ajayi, MIA	138	465	34	21

##### Receivers

No	Yds	Av	LG	TD
A. Brown, PIT	62	803	14	51
D. Hopkins, HOU	58	803	13	72
T. Hilton, IND	36	725	20	18
A. Green, CIN	44	693	38	77
Cooks, NE	39	637	16	54
Keleke, KC	51	629	12	43
T. Hill, KC	40	617	15	47
K. Allen, LAC	44	596	13	50
Gronkowski, NE	38	583	15	26
Dem. Thomas, DEN	48	569	11	40

##### Punters

No	Yds	Av	LG	TD
Kern, TEN	44	2296	74	52
M. K. Clark, KC	20	1861	50	33
Lechler, HOU	51	2538	68	49
B. Colquitt, CLE	51	2520	67	49
Huber, CIN	49	2354	63	48
L. Edwards, NYJ	4	2600	61	74
Koch, BAL	48	2214	67	46
Schmidt, BUF	47	2161	60	46
Sanchez, IND	27	2600	61	45

##### Punt returns

No	Yds	Av	Long	TD
Campanaro, BAL	14	193	138	77
Amendola, NE	14	157	112	40
T. Hill, KC	15	152	101	82
A. Jackson, TEN	19	187	9	45
McKenzie, DEN	20	186	9	44
T. Benjamin, LAC	19	166	8	65
Erickson, CIN	26	159	7	29
Peggo, IND	19	140	6	53
J. Grant, MIA	14	84	6	10
Richard, OAK	16	87	5	13

##### Kickoff returns

No	Yds	Av	Long	TD
Patterson, OAK	12	369	308	103
D. Lewis, NE	12	369	308	103
A. Hunt, KC	13	341	262	42
Gray, IND	6	430	23	60
Erickson, CIN	19	424	22	41
A. Jackson, TEN	27	215	12	48

##### Scoring

Touchdowns	To	Rush	Rec	Pts
Gordon, LAC	8	4	0	48
Succoco, TEN	0	4	0	48
Fournette, JAC	7	6	1	42
W. Fuller, HOU	7	0	7	42
Crabtree, OAK	6	0	6	36
K. Hunt, KC	6	4	2	36

##### Kicking

PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NE	25-26	22-25	58
Succoco, TEN	19-20	22-22	58
Bowell, PIT	15-16	22-23	49
Butler, KC	9-10	28-30	42
Hauschka, BUF	19-19	17-19	56
Catazaro, NYJ	21-21	16-20	57
Instanbul, IND	15-17	18-19	53
Tucker, BAL	17-17	17-20	57
McMatus, DEN	16-16	16-21	53
Tavarez, OAK	22-22	15-15	58

### AFC team statistics

#### AVERAGE PER GAME

Yards	Rush	Pass
New England	300.4	301.6
Kansas City	371.8	167
Jacksonville	370.8	167
Houston	342.7	127.9
Tennessee	328.2	124.8
Denver	328.6	113.0
Chargers	324.6	87.6
Cleveland	313.7	106.9
Philadelphia	295.9	106.9
Indianapolis	300.8	95.9
Buffalo	292.0	111.6
Indianapolis	289.9	109.9
Miami	275.0	80.1
Cincinnati	240.0	70.1

#### DEFENSE

Yards	Rush	Pass
Pittsburgh	181.4	204.7
Jacksonville	285.8	120.7
Philadelphia	204.6	266.3
Baltimore	310.6	125.9
Cleveland	310.7	86.4
Pittsburgh	291.9	123.6
Tennessee	328.3	91.9
Chargers	342.1	233.2
L.A. Chargers	343.8	193.1
Buffalo	346.9	117.9
New York	359.7	106.9
Oakland	361.1	116.6
Indianapolis	361.3	274.8
Kansas City	390.3	131.1
New England	408.3	121.1

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C. Cousins, WAS	315	247	1474	11
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Brady, NE	300	215	2398	13
N.Y. Giants	291	222	2385	16
M. Ryan, ATL	299	199	2372	13
Wentz, PHI	291	216	2262	21
Newton, CAR	322	200	2232	14
Manning, NYG	333	215	2093	14
Prescott, DAL	289	189	1994	7

##### Rushers

Att	Yds	Av	LG	TD
E. Elliott, DAL	191	783	41	30
Gurley, LA	177	716	40	53
H. Howard, CHI	144	672	47	51
Blount, PHI	109	504	46	68
D. Freeman, ATL	116	515	44	44
Abdullah, DET	133	469	35	34
Stewart, CAR	138	460	33	18
Newton, CAR	74	436	59	44

##### Receivers

No	Yds	Av	LG	TD
Thielen, MIN	56	793	14	49
Ju. Jones, ATL	49	715	14	53
Fitzgerald, ARI	60	677	11	37
Mic. Thomas, NOR	59	662	12	33
Tate, DET	61	612	11	45
Baldwin, SEA	54	633	11	54
R. Woods, LA	39	622	15	54
M. Jones, DET	34	588	15	43
Funchess, CAR	43	535	12	33
M. Evans, TAM	40	533	13	41

##### Punters

No	Yds	Av	LG	TD
O'Donnell, CHI	49	2360	59	48
Mostard, NOR	29	1360	68	48
Hekker, NYJ	31	1718	57	47
Palardy, CAR	40	1888	60	47
Do. Jones, PHI	24	1869	59	46
A. Lee, ARI	40	2183	60	46
Jeff Locke, DET	27	1222	54	45
Vogel, GBY	29	1388	45	45
Wing, NYG	42	2322	56	45
Ju. Ryan, SEA	20	2322	56	45

##### Punt returns

No	Yds	Av	Long	TD
Agnew, DET	12	147	18	88
Barner, PHI	16	183	114	76
T. Coome, LA	17	183	110	76
Sherels, MIN	17	182	107	46
Reedy, TAM	17	182	107	46
T. Taylor, SNF	17	167	9	39
T. Davis, GBY	13	125	9	33
R. Roberts, ATL	21	182	9	33
Cohen, CHI	18	143	7	21
Lockett, SEA	11	81	1	11

##### Kickoff returns

No	Yds	Av	Long	TD
P. Cooper, LA	18	543	30	103
McKinnon, MIN	12	312	26	39
Dr. Davis, CAR	13	298	22	40
Lockett, SEA	15	320	21	43
Ke. Williams, ARI	14	292	20	28
Bolden, SNF	16	324	20	42
Balden, SNF	16	324	20	42

##### Touchdowns

To	Rush	Rec	Pts
Gurley, LA	9	7	0
E. Elliott, DAL	7	7	0
Ingram, NOR	0	4	0
D. Adams, GBY	6	0	0
Dr. Jones, PHI	6	0	0
J. Graham, SEA	6	0	0
Kamara, NOR	6	4	0
No. Nelson, GBY	6	4	0
Jeffery, PHI	0	5	0

##### Kicking

PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Zuerlein, LA	21-21	28-28	56
Forbath, MIN	17-21	22-23	53
Lutz, NOR	28-31	19-23	52
Gano, CAR	28-31	19-23	52
Prater, DET	23-23	19-22	58
Dr. Jones, PHI	24-24	17-17	58
Gould, SNF	15-16	19-21	52
M. Bryant, ATL	20-20	17-20	53
Roby, ARI	19-19	18-18	54
Crosby, GBY	21-23	14-14	50

### NFC team statistics

#### AVERAGE PER GAME

Yards	Rush	Pass
Carolina	278.0	308
Minnesota	311.9	137
Atlanta	311.7	137
New Orleans	315.3	110.6
Philadelphia	318.9	110.6
Seattle	318.9	110.6
L.A. Rams	322.1	118.0
Dallas	325.9	118.0
Arizona	342.8	97
Tampa Bay	342.8	97
Detroit	349.7	102.2
Green Bay	353.6	111
Tampa Bay	379.9	133.5
San Francisco	400.3	132.6

#### DEFENSE

# NFL/MLB

## With CB Haden hurting, Steelers turn to Sensabaugh

By WILL GRAVES  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Joe Haden's career revival in Pittsburgh is on hold, though maybe for not as long as the first-place Steelers feared.

While the veteran cornerback's broken left leg will keep him out for Thursday night's visit by Tennessee, the team remains hopeful Haden can return at some point in the season. Pittsburgh eyes a run at a second straight division title and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

"It could be less than it might be, or could be more than we think," Coach Mike Tomlin said Monday. "The reality says he is not playing this week. We will leave him available to us in the short term until we get a better sense of what the prognosis is. Obviously, if there is a chance for him to participate with our team this week, we'll leave that light on."

Haden left in the first quarter of a 20-17 victory over the Colts. He briefly tried to run on the sideline before being taken to the locker room and spending the second half watching on crutches from the sideline while Pittsburgh (7-2) rallied for a fourth straight victory.

Cory Sensabaugh will get the first crack at replacing Haden. The Steelers signed Sensabaugh in the spring, but his chance to become the starting cornerback ended when the Browns released Haden near the end of training camp and he signed a three-year deal with Pittsburgh at day later.

Sensabaugh finished with three tackles against the Colts and broke up a pass down the sideline intended for T.Y. Hilton in the fourth quarter.

"Coty came up and did his thing," safety Sean Davis said.

So did safety Robert Golden, who finished in an ankle injury following a collision with teammate Mike Hilton. Given just three days to prepare for Tennessee (6-3), it's doubtful Mitchell will participate in any walk-throughs before Thursday night.

Sensabaugh doesn't have Haden's athleticism, but compensates by taking a more cerebral approach.

"He studies the playbook a lot and studies the opponent tremendously," said Steelers rookie wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, who has faced Sensabaugh plenty in practice since the start of training camp. "I'm always talking to him about how I can get better in my route and my reads. He's just a very smart dude."

Haden and Mitchell are important parts of a secondary that is second in the league in yards passing allowed. Yet the Steelers did not want without them while securing the final 17 points after spotting Indianapolis a 17-3 lead.



**Tennessee Titans (6-3)  
at Pittsburgh Steelers (7-2)**  
AFC-South  
2:20 a.m. Friday CET  
10:20 a.m. Friday JKT

Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett completed five of 11 passes for 91 yards after halftime, and 61 of those came on a touchdown throw to Chester Rogers just over two minutes into the third quarter. Rogers zig-zagged his way to the end zone, and Mitchell left the field limping after slamming into Hilton while trying in vain to bring Rogers down.

That was the last big play by the Colts' passing game as a rejuvenated Steelers pass rush helped take some of the pressure off Sensabaugh and Golden. Pittsburgh sacked Brissett twice in the second half and forced him to throw early or tuck the ball and run on a handful of other snaps. That included a flip to tight end Jake Doyle that ended up in the hands of Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier that set up the tying score.

If the Steelers can be just as disruptive in the pocket going forward, they like their chances regardless of who is — or isn't — playing in the secondary.

"We got to get ourselves in more ... situations where we can light our hair on fire and get to the quarterback," defensive end Cam Heyward said.

And for all his mobility, Tennessee quarterback Marcus Mariota is gettable. He has been sacked 10 times in the past four games, though it's hardly slowed down the Titans, who like the Steelers are on a four-game winning streak.

The Titans, who led the NFL in scoring touchdowns in the red zone last season, have jumped from 31st in that category at their bye to 10th by converting on three chances inside the opponent's 20 in each of their past two games.

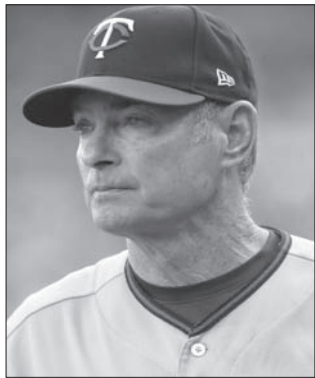
Mariota and Tennessee have the Steelers' attention. That can only be a good thing for a team that spent most of the first half Sunday sleepwalking following a bye week. Pittsburgh woke up in time to avoid another baffling road loss; the victory brought a sense of relief but nothing more for a team with designs on playing into February.

"We know how we want to play, and at the end of the day we know we're not happy with how we played," Heyward said. "Our standards are pretty high."



JOHN MINCHILL/AP

**Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo won the National League Manager of the Year Award on Tuesday. In his first full season as a big league skipper, Arizona reached the playoffs a year after going 69-93.**



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

**Twins manager Paul Molitor won the AL Manager of the Year award after Minnesota became the first team to make the playoffs after a 100-loss season. Molitor also dealt with players angered by front office moves made at the trade deadline.**

## Molitor, Lovullo named for managing turnaround years

By BEN WALKER  
Associated Press

Paul Molitor and Torey Lovullo both presided over turnaround seasons, guiding their teams into the playoffs and won Manager of the Year awards by wide margins.

The paths they took, those were totally different.

Molitor needed a clubhouse talk to calm down the Minnesota Twins, his players angered by moves the front office made at the July 31 trade deadline. "I still believed," Molitor said Tuesday, recalling how he helped his team overcome "that speed bump."

No such distractions in the desert.

In his first full season as a skipper, Lovullo built a culture of communication with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He often referred to the "love" teammates had for each other — and Lovullo certainly loved the midseason deal that brought big-hitting J.D. Martinez to the D-backs.

"We are going to be one year better," he said, adding his club would be even "more united" in 2018.

Molitor won the American League Manager of the Year award after the Twins became the first team to make the playoffs following a 100-loss season.

Molitor drew 18 of the 30 first-place votes in balloting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Cleveland's Terry Francona was second and A.J. Hinch of the World Series champion Houston Astros finished third.

**Manager of the Year voting**  
As selected by the Baseball Writers' Association of America:  
(Tabulated on a 5-3-1 basis)

Manager, Team	AL	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Paul Molitor, Twins	18	9	4	112	
Terry Francona, Indians	11	9	8	90	
A.J. Hinch, Astros	1	13	12	56	
Joe Girardi, Yankees	—	2	6	12	
Manager, Team	NL	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot
Torey Lovullo, D-backs	18	5	6	111	
Dave Roberts, Dodgers	5	8	6	55	
Bud Black, Rockies	3	6	10	43	
Craig Counsell, Brewers	3	4	6	33	
Dusty Baker, Nationals	3	2	25		
Joe Maddon, Cubs	—	1	—	3	

Voting was completed before the start of the playoffs.

Lovullo got 18 first-place votes, too, in earning the National League prize. Dave Roberts of the Los Angeles Dodgers was second and Colorado's Bud Black was third.

Roberts, Black, Milwaukee's Craig Counsell and Dusty Baker, since let go by Washington, also had first-place votes.

Molitor joined Frank Robinson as the only Hall of Fame players to win a manager of the year award, which was first presented in 1983.

"I was aware of some of the history," Molitor said.

The Twins went 85-77 this season and captured their first playoff spot since 2010 before losing to the Yankees in the AL wild-card game. Last year, the Twins led the majors with 103 losses.

Brian Dozier, Joe Mauer and their Minnesota teammates were in the midst of a 5-13 slide when the Twins traded coach Brandon Kintzler to Washington for a minor league less than a month after he made an All-Star team. They also dealt away Jaime Garcia after he won his only start

since they got him from Atlanta. "A little bit of a wrinkle," Molitor said.

Molitor's message to the Twins at that point was "not magical," he said. Instead, it was fairly simple and straightforward: Believe in yourselves.

"I still had a lot of optimism," he said.

The 61-year-old Molitor was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., and got the last of his 3,319 career hits with the Twins in 1998.

Shortly after the playoff loss, Molitor got a new three-year contract to continue managing the Twins.

The 52-year-old Lovullo guided the Diamondbacks to a 93-69 record and their first playoff spot since 2011, a year after they went 69-93.

Lovullo was Boston's bench coach when he ran the Red Sox for 48 games in 2015 while manager John Farrell underwent cancer treatment.

Powered by Paul Goldschmidt, Jake Lamb and Martinez, and led by pitchers Zack Greinke and Robbie Ray, the Diamondbacks made the playoffs this year. They beat Colorado in the NL wild-card game before getting swept by the Dodgers in the Division Series.

The Diamondbacks were swept in a three-game series at Minnesota in mid-August, outscored 27-8 at Target Field. Less than a week later, Arizona began a franchise-record 13-game winning streak.

Going into a new season, Lovullo's team has a new target.

"It didn't end the way we wanted. The Dodgers walked through us," he said.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Scheduling still touchy in Pac-12

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

With Washington's loss and the Pac-12's chances of having a representative in the College Football Playoff all but eliminated, there's been a lot of attention on the league's scheduling and whether it hurts the teams it is meant to showcase.

Stanford upset the No. 9 Huskies 30-22 on Friday night, taking out the Pac-12's last real shot at representation in the playoff. The playoff has never included a two-loss team.

But this season every one of the conference's teams has at least two losses. Yes, it could mean that play in the league is having a down year. But schedules have been a recurring theme throughout the season.

Friday night games have particularly come under scrutiny because three ranked teams — Washington, Washington State (at California) and USC (at Washington State) — all lost on a Friday night after a short week.

In fact, road teams are 0-4 on Friday nights after playing the previous Saturday.

Here's one more thing to consider: Southern California will play 12 straight weeks this season without a bye, but will get the weekend off before the Pac-12 championship. Whichever team the Trojans face — Washington, Washington State or Stanford — will be coming off a short week.

USC clinched the Pac-12 South last weekend with a 38-24 victory over Colorado.

The league's coaches admit there's not much that can be done: Television drives scheduling. By

extension, the Pac-12's TV deals provide national exposure.

But even the television factor has been criticized. The start of the game between Washington and Stanford — a showcase of the league's top team against Heisman hopeful Bryce Love — was delayed and shifted to another channel because of the Camping World Truck Series. And often the league's marquee matchups — Pac-12 After Dark — don't happen until many on the East Coast are already headed to bed.

"Really, we're in a television-driven world, and a television-driven market, and as a coach I don't really concern myself with things I can't control," USC coach Clay Helton said. "I think that's the approach of our league. It's part of college football to be able to play on Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights. From a scheduling standpoint, you see your schedule ahead of time, and you make the most of those opportunities."

Stanford coach David Shaw said he believes the league is also hurt because it puts non-conference opponents at the front of the season for most teams. The result is that teams don't have a break from Pac-12 play after the opening three weeks.

"So you've got a run that every game is meaningful, every game is big, every game is a rivalry. You don't have a break, and oh, by the way, you may play a 7-30 game and then have a short week and play Friday. Those are brutal weeks, brutal weeks," Shaw said. "I haven't tracked this year, but in previous years we've looked at it and usually road teams lost that short week."



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Stanford quarterback K.J. Costello celebrates his team's 30-22 win over Washington on Friday in Stanford, Calif.



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Notre Dame quarterback Brandon Wimbush, left, tries to turn the corner against Miami defensive lineman Trent Harris during Saturday's game in Miami Gardens, Fla. Miami replaced Notre Dame at No. 3 in the latest playoff rankings after knocking off the Irish 41-8.

## Tide, Tigers claim top 2 spots in playoff rankings

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
Associated Press

Alabama and Clemson are back on top of the College Football Playoff rankings, the ninth time in the past three seasons that the Crimson Tide and Tigers have held the first two spots in some order.

Alabama was the selection committee's new No. 1 on Tuesday night, with Clemson up two spots to No. 2. Miami and Oklahoma followed, joining the top four for the first time this season. Wisconsin was fifth and Auburn was up to sixth.

Alabama and Clemson have met in the past two national championship games, with each winning one. If they win out, there is a good chance they could enter the postseason positioned to make it three straight title game matchups.

The Crimson Tide had been second behind Georgia in the first two selection committee rankings, but the Bulldogs and previously No. 3 Notre Dame were beaten last weekend, opening up the top for changes.

Unbeaten Miami jumped from seventh to third and along with Clemson gave the Atlantic Coast Conference two top-four teams for the first time in the four-year College Football Playoff era.

Oklahoma moved up one spot. Unbeaten Wisconsin moved up from eighth and is the highest-ranked Big Ten team. Auburn is the highest-ranked team with two losses.

Georgia is seventh and Notre Dame is eighth.

Ohio State is back in the top 10 after an impressive victory against Michigan State, and Penn

## CFP rankings

Team	Nov. 14, 2017	Record
1. Alabama	.....	10-0
2. Clemson	.....	9-1
3. Miami	.....	9-0
4. Oklahoma	.....	9-1
5. Wisconsin	.....	10-0
6. Auburn	.....	8-2
7. Georgia	.....	9-1
8. Notre Dame	.....	8-2
9. Ohio State	.....	8-2
10. Penn State	.....	8-2
11. Southern Cal	.....	9-2
12. TCU	.....	9-2
13. Oklahoma State	.....	8-2
14. Washington State	.....	9-2
15. UCF	.....	9-0
16. Mississippi State	.....	7-3
17. Michigan State	.....	7-3
18. Washington	.....	8-2
19. NC State	.....	7-3
20. LSU	.....	7-3
21. Memphis	.....	8-1
22. Stanford	.....	7-3
23. Northwestern	.....	7-3
24. Michigan	.....	8-2
25. Boise State	.....	8-2

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee issues rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 3. The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2018. The championship game will be played on Jan. 8, 2018 at Atlanta.

— Associated Press

State is 10th. Southern California at 11th is the highest-ranked Pac-12 team.

UCF climbed to No. 15, making the undefeated Knights the highest-ranked team from a Group of Five conference. The highest-ranked conference champion from outside the Power Five is guaranteed a spot in the New Year's Six bowls.

## Who's in control?

There were complaints from Miami and Oklahoma fans about

being stuck behind Clemson. Committee chairman Kirby Hocutt, the athletic director at Texas Tech, said Clemson's six victories against teams with winning records gave the Tigers the nod.

He added that the impact of Clemson's loss to Syracuse (4-6) has been mitigated by injuries hampering Tigers quarterback Kelly Bryant in that game. Bryant came into the game with a sore ankle that hobbled him and he missed the second half with a concussion.

"That continues to be a factor in our discussions of Clemson," Hocutt said.

He also pointed at that Miami not having a road win against a winning team worked against the Hurricanes and that Oklahoma's loss to Iowa State (6-4) at home was weighing down the Sooners a bit.

Argue about the order all you like but here's the bottom line: Clemson and Miami will play in the ACC title game on Dec. 2, and barring a big upset or two before they get there, it's a playoff play-in game.

Oklahoma can rest easy, too. The Sooners should be fine if they win out and are Big 12 champions.

And now Wisconsin has to be feeling better, too. If the ACC teams take care of each other, that should clear up a spot for the Badgers if they can keep winning.

Auburn gets a crack at Alabama and, if it wins the Iron Bowl, another game against Georgia for the SEC title. So the Tigers don't have to worry about anyone but themselves.

Georgia can still win the SEC by either paying back Auburn or beating Alabama. The Bulldogs' path is clear.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS

## Top 25 roundup

## Jayhawks give Self 418th win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A chance to build some Self-awareness was too much for Kansas to pass up. Beating a marquee program was a nice little bonus.

Svi Mykhailiuk scored 17 points, and Devonte Graham hit the clinching free throws to give No. 4 Kansas a 65-61 victory over No. 7 Kentucky on Tuesday night that put Self in a tie for second with Roy Williams on the Jayhawks' all-time wins list.

"It's an all win and no lose game cause nobody is going to look at it and say well, you lost to Kentucky or you lost to Duke or Michigan State and have it be a negative," Self said after his team scrapped for the win in a seesaw game. "I think what this game does early in the season — if you can stand to watch it, because I know that wasn't pretty — I think what this game is it obviously gives you confidence, but it makes you more aware of who you are and I think that's always good."

In a game that matched the two winningest Division I programs, the Jayhawks (2-0) prevailed after the two teams spent most of the second half trading baskets and leads.

Malik Newman had a key rebound in the closing seconds and hit two foul shots to help Kansas knock off the Wildcats (2-1).

Mykhailiuk hit three three-pointers. Udoka Azubuike scored 13 points. Newman scored 12 and Graham had 11, helping Self pick up his 418th win at Kansas to the Williams for second behind Phog Allen (519).

"We had already discussed in the huddle, we needed three stops," Newman said. "I think that was like the second or third one, so I mean it was just all about getting stops like coach said and I mean we knew we couldn't give up (any) second shots, so it was all



PAUL BEATY/AP

**Kansas's Svi Mykhailiuk dunks during the second half against Kentucky on Tuesday in Chicago. No. 4 Kansas won 65-61.**

out for all the rebounds and just went after it."

Kevin Knox scored 20 and nailed three threes for Kentucky (2-1). Hamidou Diallo added 14 points. But the Wildcats came up short after rallying to beat Utah Valley and hanging on for a fourth-point win against Vermont.

"We really fought tonight. A lot of people had us losing this game at least by 20, 30 points," Knox said. "But we said before the game it wasn't (going to) happen. They're a veteran team. We're a really young team. A lot of people thought they had the advantage. But tonight we really fought our butts off."

**No. 5 Villanova 113, Nicholls 77:** Mikal Bridges set career highs with 23 points and four blocks, and host Villanova swatted away a school-record 13 shots.

Donte DiVincenzo added 20 points, Jalen Brunson had 17 and the Wildcats (2-0) had six players in double figures while shooting 58 percent from the field in their second straight blowout of an inferior opponent.

**No. 17 Gonzaga 106, Howard 69:** Freshman Zach Norvell Jr. scored 18 points and freshman Corey Kispert added 13 for host Gonzaga.

Johnathan Williams and Rui Hachimura each scored 12 points for Gonzaga (2-0).

**No. 19 Purdue 96, Marquette 71:** Seven-foot-2 center Isaac Haas scored 22 points, and visiting Purdue capitalized on its size advantage in the paint.

Carsen Edwards had 15 points, while Vince Edwards added 10 points and eight rebounds for the Boilermakers (3-0).

## Briefly

## Bills bench Taylor for QB Peterman

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.

— Rookie Nathan Peterman has replaced Tyrod Taylor as the Buffalo Bills' starting quarterback in an abrupt move coach Sean McDermott said he made in a bid to improve the team.

McDermott made the stunning announcement on Wednesday, when the Bills (5-4) returned to practice to prepare to play at the Los Angeles Chargers (3-6) on Sunday. The move comes after Peterman made his NFL debut in replacing Taylor for the final two drives of a 47-10 loss to New Orleans last weekend.

McDermott said he reached the decision on his own on Tuesday in what became a change of heart after he backed Taylor as the starter immediately following the game and again on Monday.

"This is about becoming a better team," McDermott said. He would only say "We'll see," when asked if Peterman will remain the starter beyond this weekend.

It made no difference to McDermott in making a switch at the team's most important position at a time when Buffalo has a winning record while holding down the AFC's sixth and final playoff spot. The franchise is in the midst of a 17-year playoff drought — the longest active streak in North America's four major professional sports.

"We are 5-4, I understand that," McDermott said. "It is always and will be for the time that I'm here about becoming the best team we can possibly become. We are made for more than 5-4, and I've come here to be more than 5-4."

Taylor has a 20-18 record since taking over as the Bills' starter in 2015. Though a dynamic runner, he's been inconsistent as a passer and is coming off the worst performance of his career.

## UCLA suspends players involved in shoplifting

LOS ANGELES — UCLA freshmen L'Angelo Ball, Cody Riley and Jalen Hill have been suspended indefinitely after returning from a China trip where they were held for shoplifting.

"They will have to earn their way back," UCLA coach Steve Alford said in a news conference Wednesday.

Alford said that the players will not travel, will not suit up for road games or take part in practice while the school performs a review of the situation.

The players were questioned last week about allegedly stealing sunglasses from a Louis Vuitton store next to the team's hotel in Hangzhou, where the Bruins had been staying before leaving for Shanghai to face Georgia Tech on Friday.

## Italy fires coach after stunning playoff loss

ROME — Italy coach Gian Piero Ventura has been fired following the Azzurri's failure to qualify for the World Cup.

Ventura leaves in disgrace, widely criticized for his tactical decisions that left Italy out of soccer's biggest competition for the first time in six decades with a 1-0 playoff loss to Sweden.

## Arkansas fires AD Long amid football slide

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas has fired athletic director Jeff Long after nearly 10 years at the school.

The move comes at a time of turmoil for the football program, which is 29-32 in five seasons under Bret Bielema — including a mark of 11-27 in the SEC.

## Taking: Spartans struggle against Blue Devils defense

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"It's not a thing. You don't get any banners for a record against one school or against another coach," Krzyzewski said, brushing away any talk about his record against the Spartans. "Our program is about winning against everybody if we can."

Miles Bridges, Jaren Jackson Jr. and Nick Ward each scored 19 points for Michigan State, which blocked 12 shots — just one shy of the school record. The Spartans (1-1) shot 51 percent from the field, but were outscored 46-34 by the long and athletic Blue Devils. They also struggled at times with Duke's 2-3 zone.

"Never in a million years did I think we would get outscored like that," coach Tom Izzo said.

The 42nd meeting of the top two schools in The Associated Press poll since 1949

lived up to its pregame hype, with Duke and Michigan State exchanging runs for most of the night at the home of the NBA's Chicago Bulls. Each team had its sloppy moments typical of a mid-November game, but they also brought the crowd to its feet several times with an array of impressive jams and emphatic rejections at the rim.

Cassius Winston drove the lane and passed to Kenny Goins for a dunk that gave Michigan State a 75-73 lead with 4:12 left. But Carter responded with a rebound slam at the other end and Allen set up Gary Trent Jr.'s tiebreaking three-pointer with 3:11 to go.

Allen added two more threes in the final 2½ minutes and Javin DeLaurier's breakaway dunk made it 86-77 with 50 seconds left, putting the Spartans away for good. "We just got killed on the rebound and that's unacceptable for a team with our

size," Bridges said.

Bagley began his college career with a pair of impressive performances, but he had a short stay in his first game against a marquee opponent. He was held out after he was swiped in the face by DeLaurier with 10:09 left in the first half.

"His eye was starting to shut," Krzyzewski said. "At first he had a hard time seeing out of it. My eye. It's scratched. I think he'll be fine."

**Big picture:** Michigan State: Izzo was frustrated by the rebounding deficit and Michigan State's 17 turnovers, but the Spartans looked every bit of their lofty ranking.

**Duke:** Trent was just 3-for-14 from the field, but his late three was a key moment. "I'm proud of him," Krzyzewski said. "A lot of guys wouldn't shoot it. He just knocked it down."



PAUL BEATY/AP

**Duke guard Grayson Allen reacts after making a three-point shot Tuesday against Michigan State in Chicago.**

## SPORTS



Irving keeps streak alive

Star wears mask as Boston wins 13th straight » **NBA, Page 27**

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Taking charge

Senior Allen scores career-high 37 points as top-ranked Duke beats past No. 2 Michigan State

By JAY COHEN  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Forget about Marvin Bagley III and the rest of Duke's talented freshmen for a moment.

Grayson Allen can play a little, too.

Allen scored a career-high 37 points, Trevon Duval had 17 points and 10 assists, and the top-ranked Blue Devils beat No. 2 Michigan State 88-81 in the Champions Classic on Tuesday night.

On a court full of some of college basketball's brightest stars, Allen — Duke's only senior who was joined by four freshmen in the starting lineup — stepped up whenever his team needed a big play. The Blue Devils (3-0) lost Bagley to a right eye injury midway through the first half, but Allen made five three-pointers and scored 23 points in the second half to help make up for the missing phenom.

"I've played in 90 more games than the four teammates that are out there with me," Allen said. "I feel a little more comfortable and calm and confident out there. Watching a lot of film of me my last two years, it's good sometimes to go 100 mph, but it's also good to slow it down a few times, so that's the adjustment I've tried to make and I think it makes me more comfortable out there."

Wendell Carter Jr. added 12 points and 12 rebounds, helping Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski improve to 12-1 in his career against Michigan State.

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Duke guard Grayson Allen, right, drives past Michigan State guard Miles Bridges during the second half Tuesday in Chicago. Duke won 88-81.

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